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Dedication

To my spouse, Donna Findlay, darling wife, best friend, and mother to our children.

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WARNING!

The legal possession of an automatic firearm is controlled by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) division of the US Department of Justice. Proper application to ATF must be secured before an individual can own and operate this type of firearm. Severe penalties are authorized for violators of these laws.

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Preface

As with my first book, which was on the Thompson submachine gun, this book was written to generate people's interest in gun design.

As I indicated in the first book, the gun industry needs and is due for the next big breakthrough. Every 100 years seems to bring the next significant development in firearms technology. In the 1600's, the wheel lock was developed and heralded the first use of firearms. In the 1700's came the flintlock musket. In the 1800's came the percussion cap and, later in the century, the thin brass shell used to carry the powder, bullet, and primer was perfected. While the 20th century has seen the invention of liquid propellant, caseless ammunition, and the gyrojet, the thin brass shell has been hard to beat and is still the dominant way to feed ammunition to the firearms of today. We are due for the next advance, but from where will it come?

Gun design lends itself to one designer/engineer with a vision, many times helped by a team of draftsmen and model makers. Most of the truly successful gun designs of the past century were developed in this way. Sometimes these men were able to form companies based on the guns they devised. Hopefully this book will interest you in both the simplicity and the hidden complexity that good gun designs exhibit and prompt you to investigate the field of firearms design further.

The first book dealt with finding the rpm level of the Thompson in three different ways, showed how to design an oval magazine spring, explained how the Thompson worked, and gave a complete technical data package for the gun. In this book, you will also find two of the three ways to calculate the rpm level of the Sten but giving you the necessary cartridge data for 9mm ammunition in order to have the results come out correctly. You will also be given an explanation of how the Sten operates and again a complete technical data package for this firearm. New areas that will be covered will be material selection and heat treat for various common firearm components and an explanation of how to analyze and design a gun barrel. In addition, I give you a resource to find the pressure versus time curve of any cartridge including any design for a new round that you conceive of without the need for expensive test equipment and time.

You will find, and hopefully have already noticed, that the rpm level of both the Thompson and the Sten are different from the published results. You should also have noticed that experimental data agrees more with the calculated results than published results. This is most likely due to difference in ammunition and powders used during the war years versus ammunition used today or the techniques they used in the past to measure rpm levels. In any event, the math presented (and the Excel files in the appendix which use that math) is important as it will reduce the prototyping time necessary for a new more modern blowback design that is being contemplated for a semi-automatic or automatic firearm.

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Again, I want to thank my wife, Donna, who has put up with me working on this second book. She has always been supportive. Finally, I would like to thank my father, David Findlay, who, for many years, worked for Winchester Repeating Arms, then for Bellmore Johnson Tool Co., and finally for himself at Guilford Engineering Associates, being both a gun designer and a firearm product liability expert. My father has helped my understanding of firearms immensely and has been a helpful confidant and mentor in all my endeavors, working at Remington, Marlin/H&R 1871, and now at Smith and Wesson. He again made supportive suggestions for this book.

The Sten Gun by Gunner. S.N. Teed

You wicked piece of vicious tin!
Call you a gun? Don't make me grin.
You're just a bloated piece of pipe.
You couldn't hit a hunk of tripe.
But when you're with me in the night,
I'll tell you pal, you're just alright!

Each day I wipe you free of dirt.
Your dratted corners tear my shirt.
I cuss at you and call you names,
You're much more trouble than my dames.
But boy, do I love to hear you yammer
When you're spitting lead in a business manner.

You conceited pile of salvage junk.
I think this prowess talk is bunk.
Yet if I want a wall of lead
Thrown at some Jerry's head
It is to you I raise my hat;
You're a damn good pal...
You silly gat!

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Imperial War Museum,
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Winston Churchill takes aim with a Sten gun during a visit to the Royal Artillery experimental station at Shoeburyness in Essex.
June 13, 1941

Chapter 1 The Sten's Creation and Designers

Your country is at war. It has not gone well. You are alone. France is in the hands of the enemy. You have managed to save the army but most of their guns, tanks, and material were left on the shores of France. Your nation's soldiers do not have enough guns to defend your shores as you await an invasion you and your countrymen believe is imminent. You are involved in the design of firearms and are an experienced designer. Need any more motivation?

At the time when Great Britain entered the war, in 1939, she had no submachine gun of any type for her military force.² The Thompsons coming from America were reliable and effective but there were not enough of them and they were expensive.

Major Reginald Shepherd, chief superintendent of armament design, and draftsman Harold Turpin were ordered to prepare manufacturing production drawings from a working example of a captured German MP 28 because the need was so great and there was no time to develop Great Britain's own gun. This was the low-risk alternative. At the same period in time, George Lanchester was developing the Lanchester submachine gun, again a copy of the German MP 28. The Lanchester uses a 50-round magazine box approximately the same shape and form as the Sten's 32-round magazine box and was used exclusively by the British navy.

Gun development time was shortened on the Sten and on the Lanchester by copying the design of a German magazine box in use. This both helped and hurt the Sten gun's performance as I will discuss later. In normal times, magazine box development can take as long as the entire gun in terms of design, testing, and functional acceptance. But these were not normal times, and Harold Turpin designed and had first prototypes of the Sten in 36 days, an extraordinary effort.³ It was obvious that he spent a great deal of effort designing at home as well as at his office. Already having the magazine box design complete, though, was a tremendous aid. Essentially, he was designing the mechanical mechanism around the magazine.

The whole objective was to reduce the time needed to make a submachine gun, reduce its cost, and not use scarce premium grade steels that were needed for other weapons. Style and beauty were not the concern that they would be in a commercial effort. Rugged and cheap were all that mattered. The Sten had issues in terms of safety and reliability that would have precluded it from being adopted in peacetime, but these could be overlooked in time of war.

Two other individuals who helped with the Sten were Alfred Holden, whose name can still be seen on the original blueprints, and Walter Sandwell, who was the special projects officer. Once again, as with the Thompson submachine gun, the development of the Sten proved that a small team of dedicated individuals working on a high-priority project with assistance from other engineers and model makers can achieve impressive results in a short period of time if they are given support and are highly motivated.

The following is a timeline for the Sten's development from initial program concept to the Mark II model.⁵

Sten Development Timeline

Date	Activity	Comment
May 27 –	The British suffer a huge loss of	Great Britain is in
June 4, 1940	material and weapons on the shores of	desperate straits.
	Dunkirk, France but manage to save	
	the army.	-
Late 1940	Major Reginald Shepherd and	Alloy steel and machining
	draftsman Harold Turpin are ordered	capacity are in short supply
	to prepare manufacturing production	in Great Britain
	drawings from a working example of a captured German MP 28.	
December 2, 1940	Harold Turpin comes up with the	See the patent explanation
	concept for the Sten's trigger	in the appendix.
	mechanism.	q
December 3 - 10,	Harold Turpin asks for and is given	Turpin works at home as
1940	permission to design a new	well as at the office to get
	submachine gun that is less expensive	the gun designed quickly.
	than the Lanchester or the Thompson	*
	submachine. It will use the German	
	MP28 / Lanchester magazine design in	
	a 32-round configuration and will be	
	side mounted like the Lanchester.	
January 8, 1941	First prototype is complete.	36 days between initial
		concept and first prototype
		of the Sten Mark I design
January 10, 1941	First official firing of the prototype	
	weapon is complete.	
February 1, 1941	General staff directs the ministry of	
	supply to order 100,000 Sten	
	submachine guns	
February 7, 1941	Manufacture of pilot models gets	^
	underway.	
March 7, 1941	The Sten Mark I carbine is approved	
Content of the conten	for issue.	
March 24, 1941	Paratrooper model of the Sten is	
	requested.	

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Date	Activity	Comment
March 31, 1941	Sten Mark II is completed. The	Harold Turpin again works
	cosmetics were changed but the basic	at home after hours to
	design remains the same. The changes	complete the design.
	result in a less expensive gun and a	
	gun that could be made more compact	
June 29 - July 1,	Initial trials of the prototype Mark II	
1941	Sten take place	
August 1941	2,600,000 Mk II Stens contracted for	
through March	and produced	
1945		
April 1, 1942	A second contract for 100,000 MK I	9
	Stens is awarded	
October 22, 1942	A third contract for 100,000 MK I	
	Stens is awarded	
1943	Peak production is reached when	Total production from the
8	47,000 are produced in one week. ⁶	start of manufacture in
	y	mid-1941 to late 1945 was
		approximately 3,750,000.
		34,000,000 magazines
		were made. ⁷

One observation that can be made is that the British government was willing to place an order for guns even before the prototypes had been fully developed. Today, this would be an extreme example of what is commonly referred to as "-concurrent engineering-". Concurrent engineering has advantages and disadvantages. Its main advantage is to bring products to market more quickly. One of its main disadvantages is that too often, design changes or changes in design scope will cause more money to be spent on testing and capital tooling to produce the product. Many times the design team needs extra time before the preliminary design is turned over to manufacturing for tool design and tool construction; otherwise money can be spent for tooling that is unusable or no longer needed. When the timeline is pushed there is also a tendency for the designer or design team to cut corners in the engineering analysis or the tolerance studies. This needs to be avoided as time spent on both of those areas pays dividends later on in the program.

Again, as in all design efforts, good communication between the design team and the manufacturing engineering team aids in a design that is not only functional but also cost effective. Having management experienced in product design and in the design process also is beneficial as they understand the pressures and can help be a sounding board for the critical design decisions that arise.



Library and Archive of Canada Corporal Victor Deblois of Le Régiment de la Chaudière guarding German prisoners on Juno Beach, Bernières-sur-Mer, France, June 6, 1944

Chapter 2 RPM Technical Analysis Considering Friction and Elasticity

The starting point for the technical analysis of the Sten's design is the question of bolt velocity, which drives many of the system requirements. There has to be enough velocity for the firearm's bolt to travel the length of the receiver to allow consistent feeding and to stop on the sear—the component that stops the firearm from firing further if the trigger is no longer depressed. Bolt recoil velocity in a blowback-operated firearm is dependent primarily on the mass of the recoiling components. Its counter-recoil velocity is dependent on the mass of the recoiling components and the gun's drive spring. These two velocities, added together, determine the cyclic rate of the firearm or its round per minute (rpm) level.

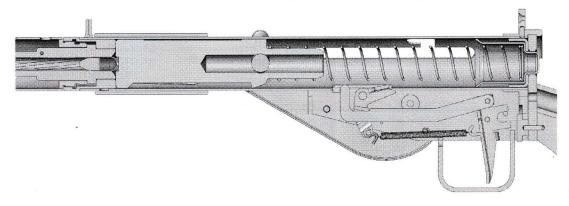
For hand held weapons, rpm values from 450 to 950 are what most designers try to achieve for the best controllability of the firearm. In blowback submachine guns, where there is no locking system, rpm values are at the lower end of this range and generally should not exceed 700 rpm. Full automatic firearms with locking systems can achieve higher rpm levels safely but will have controllability issues unless compensated for by the design in some manner.

The Sten is a pure blowback automatic submachine gun. A pure blowback design has no locking system to hold the pressure of the fired ammunition. The inertia of the breech bolt provided by its weight is used to delay the opening of the firearm until the pressures are low enough for the case to be extracted safely from the gun. This type of design is very cost-effective because no complicated locking system is used to restrain the bolt to the barrel during firing. This design eliminates the need for additional locking components, with the accompanying added costs, due to tight tolerances and cam surfaces. The bolt weight and, to a much lesser degree, the action spring are all that is required to keep the bolt held forward sufficiently until the powder pressure reaches safe limits and then lets the action open. The round is fired when the breech bolt drives the cartridge forward into the chamber. The chamber stops the cartridge and the bolt's fixed firing pin geometry impacts and drives into the cartridge primer causing ignition.

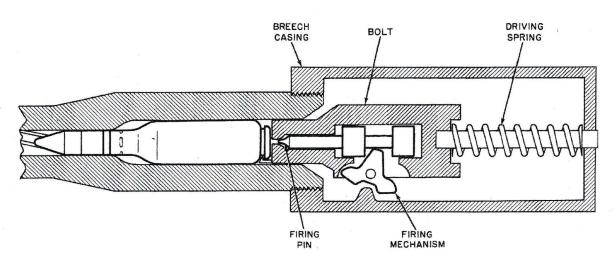
Some have described the Sten as an "-advanced primer ignition-" design. This claim is based on the belief and assumption that the breech bolt is still moving forward a small amount when the primer is ignited to fire by the bolt's fixed firing pin even though the round is fully chambered and at rest in the barrel. To describe the Sten as an "-advanced primer ignition-" design is technically incorrect. Advanced primary ignition refers to a gun operating system where the primer is ignited before the cartridge is fully inside or stopped by the chamber. In an advanced primer ignition system weapon, the momentum imparted to the bolt is only one-half of that which would be obtained with plain blowback. That means from this standpoint alone, the bolt weight can be reduced by a weight reduction factor of 2 to 2.5. This is one of the primary reasons it is employed even though the mechanism is more complicated and expensive.

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Sten Section View - Simple Blowback Design



Section View - Blowback Design with Advanced Primer Ignition 10



This is not the case for either the Sten or the Thompson submachine gun. Two of the best examples of advanced primer ignition are the Oerlikon 20 mm cannon and the MK 108 cannon. In these weapons, the cartridge is not stopped in the chamber and the cartridge case is not fully seated in the chamber before primer ignition occurs by the firing mechanism. A primer is ignited either mechanically or electrically by timing the breech bolt's forward motion at a certain point in the gun's counter-recoil cycle for primer ignition. As will be shown in the following technical analysis, good results are obtained for the round per minute level by not considering advanced primary ignition and by considering the Sten gun as a simple blowback design utilizing all of the cartridge's impulse to drive the bolt to the rear. This also simplifies the analysis.

The firing cycle begins with the indenting of the primer in the cartridge case by the fixed firing pin protrusion on the face of the Sten breech bolt. When ignition occurs, the bullet is expelled from the cartridge, moves through the barrel, while the breech bolt, pushed by the cartridge case, moves in the opposite direction. Both the breech bolt and the bullet are subject to the same force for the same time by the burning of the propellant charge in the cartridge. The sum of all the products of the force multiplied by the time increment is called the *impulse* (expressed in lb-sec) and is applied equally to both the breech bolt and the bullet. Because the bullet has a much lower weight than the breech bolt, it travels much faster and farther than the bolt does in the same time period, but in the opposite direction. This system works only when the breech bolt is of sufficient weight, compared to the bullet, that it does not allow the cartridge case to move too far out of the barrel chamber. If this does occur, the case will rupture and fail because it is unsupported. In practice, blowback guns use ammunition with sturdy cases that are relatively short and have favorable pressure—time characteristics. This usually limits blowback weapons to pistol ammunition. There are exceptions to these limitations, but this is the general rule and practice.

The pressure from the powder gases of the fired cartridge can be measured using piezoelectric devices mounted on test barrels, designed for that purpose. These devices relate those pressures back to the time at which they occurred in the barrel. This equipment is not available to many but fortunately there is a solution to getting the necessary pressure-versus-time data for the gun designer. That solution is QuickLOAD software from Neco¹¹.

QuickLOAD is the best interior/exterior ballistic prediction software. It provides accurate results for more than 1200 cartridges, 250 powders, and 2,500 bullets. It can accept user-defined data for user-created wildcats. QuickLOAD instantly calculates pressures and velocities based on thermodynamic modeling as opposed to numbers crunched from loading manuals. The data generated can then be used by the QuickTARGET portion of the program to determine trajectories, wind deflection, sight corrections, down range velocity, down range energy, and a multitude of other useful outputs. The QuickLOAD/QuickTARGET interior/exterior ballistics programs have unique capabilities. Unique user-designed cartridges can be set up using QuickDESIGN, a cartridge designing program and then can be imported into QuickLOAD/QuickTARGET for interior and exterior ballistic analysis.

Using QuickLOAD software, a pressure-time curve for a typical 9mm-caliber round using a 115-grain bullet and 6 grains of a current modern powder, yielded a maximum pressure of approximately 28,800 psi. The pressure data for this 9mm round is shown below and graphed. The area beneath the pressure-time curve helps us calculate the round's impulse, and we will use this impulse to obtain the rpm (round-per-minute) level of the Sten.

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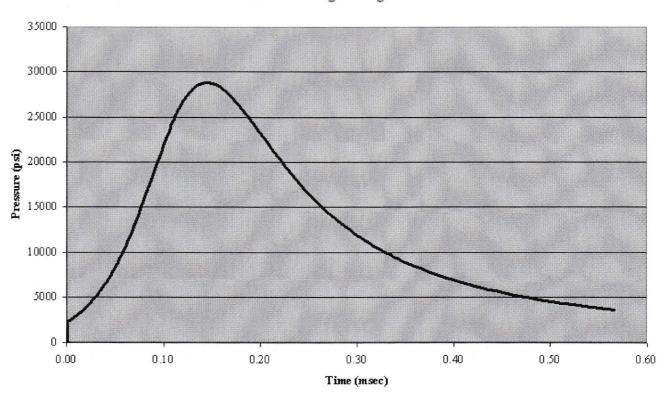
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Sample 9mm Pressure versus Time Data 115 grain bullet 6 grains powder

Time	Pressure		Time	Pressure	Time	Pressure
(msec)	(psi)		(msec)	(psi)	(msec)	(psi)
.0000	0		.1134	25,490	.2047	22,487
.0001	2,176		.1203	26,789	.2126	21,346
.0011	2,320		.1269	27,734	.2210	20,175
.0039	2,512		.1333	28,361	.2298	18,988
.0073	2,763		.1395	28,703	.2393	17,795
.0114	3,090		.1426	28,777	.2493	16,607
.0161	3,510		.1466	28,786	.2601	15,431
.0214	4,043		.1441	28,791	.2718	14,276
.0270	4,701	*	.1445	28,793	.2843	13,150
.0330	5,500		.1447	28,793	.2980	12,057
.0393	6,460		.1448	28,793	.3130	11,004
.0458	7,592		.14485	28,973	.3294	9,994
.0524	8,903		.1449	28,793	.3476	9,032
.0591	10,397		.14495	28,793	.3676	8,119
.0658	12,061		.1510	28,682	.3900	7,259
.0726	13,877		.1572	28,370	.4152	6,452
.0794	15,813		.1634	27,883	.4435	5,700
.0861	17,821		.1698	27,244	.4756	5,003
.0929	19,852		.1763	26,475	.5124	4,361
.0997	21,843		.1830	25,597	.5546	3,774
.1065	23,734		.1899	24,628	.5662	3,635
.1133	25,466		.1972	23,586	41000	

003 361 774 635 452 700 259 119 ,004 994 032 ,057 ,150 ,276 ,431 ,607 ,795 988 ,175 ,487 ,346 Si) ssure

Pressure vs. Time 9mm FMJ Bullet Weight = 115 grains Powder Charge = 6.0 grains



So how do we get the Impulse (Ip) in lbs-seconds, and why do we need it?

From Newton's Second Law:

Force (F) = Mass
$$(m)$$
 * Acceleration (a) = $m(a)$

But:

Acceleration (a) is equal to the change in Velocity(V) divided by the difference in time(t):

$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{V_2 - V_1}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t}$$

Therefore:

$$F = m \, \underline{\Delta V}$$

$$\Lambda t$$

And therefore:

$$F\Delta t = m \Delta V$$

Impulse is known as the product of the average force during the time it acts (the left side of the equation) and is equal to the change in momentum (M) (the right side of the equation).

$$Ip = F\Delta t = m \Delta V$$

In our case, the force (F) is equal to the change in pressure (Δ P) multiplied by the area of the head of the shell casing, which is pi (π) times the radius (r) of the shell head squared.

$$F = (P_2 - P_1)(\pi)(r^2)$$

Therefore:

$$(\Delta P)(\pi)(\mathbf{r}^2) \Delta t = m \Delta V$$

The mass (*m*) of the system is the weight of the bullet divided by gravity plus half the weight of the propellant gases divided by gravity. The reason that only half of the powder gases are used is that as the bullet goes down the bore, the center of gravity of the gases travels only half the change in distance that the bullet does, so the velocity of the powder gases is half that of the projectile. Once the projectile leaves the muzzle of the barrel, the powder gas velocity is actually greater than the projectile by a factor of 1.5 times the projectile velocity, but inside the barrel, the following is true:

$$m = \frac{W_{\text{bullet}}}{(7000)/g} + \frac{W_{\text{powder}}}{(2)(7000)/g}$$

where 7,000 grains/lb is the conversion factor to convert the bullet and powder weight in grains into pounds. The gravity constant, g, is 32.2 ft/sec².

Now, solving for Velocity (V), in our case the velocity of the bullet, we get the following:

$$\Delta V = \frac{\text{F}\Delta t}{m} = \frac{(\Delta P)(\pi)(\text{r}^2) \Delta t}{m} = \frac{(\Delta P)(\pi)(\text{r}^2) \Delta t \text{ (g)}}{\frac{\text{W}_{\text{bullet}}}{(7000)}} + \frac{\text{W}_{\text{powder}}}{(2)(7000)}$$

$$\text{Or} = \frac{\text{Ip (g)}}{\frac{\text{W}_{\text{bullet}}}{(7000)}} + \frac{\text{W}_{\text{powder}}}{(2)(7000)}$$

And with:

Distance (
$$\Delta D$$
) = ΔV
 Δt

We can solve for the distance the bullet travels in the bore of the barrel by using the following equation and relationship:

Distance (
$$\Delta D$$
) = $(\Delta P)(\pi)(r^2) (\Delta t)^2 (g)$

$$\frac{W_{\text{bullet}} + W_{\text{powder}}}{(7000)} (2)(7000)$$
or Distance (ΔD) = $\frac{\text{Ip (g) } \Delta t}{\frac{W_{\text{bullet}} + W_{\text{powder}}}{(7000)}} (2)(7000)$

With the preceding data and analysis, we can determine several important characteristics of the gun, among them the impulse of the round acting on the bolt breech face, the bullet velocity, travel of the bullet, and the pressure versus barrel length curve. To see the actual calculations please see Appendix II.

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9mm Pistol Cartridge
Typical Projectile Weight (grains) =
Typical Powder Charge (grains) =
Cartridge Diameter (in) =
Cartridge Area (in2) =

115.0 6.0 0.354 0.098

Inputs in Grey

	Time	Pressure	Average Pressure	Impulse = (Force*time)	Velocity Change	Velocity Absolute	Distance Change	Distance Absolute
,	(Msec)	(psi)	(psi)	(lb-sec)	(ft/sec)	(ft/sec)	(in)	(in)
	0	0	0	0.0000	0.0	0.0	0	0
	0.0001	2176	1,088	0.0000	0.0	0.0	0.000	0.000
	0.0011	2320	2,248	0.0002	0.4	0.4	0.000	0.000
	0.0039	2512	2,416	0.0007	1.3	1.7	0.000	0.000
	0.0073	2763	2,638	0.0009	1.7	3.4	0.000	0.000
	0.0114	3090	2,927	0.0012	2.3	5.7	0.000	0.000
	0.0161	3510	3,300	0.0015	2.9	8.6	0.000	0.001
	0.0214	4043	3,777	0.0020	3.8	12.3	0.001	0.001
	0.0270	4701	4,372	0.0024	4.6	16.9	0.001	0.002
	0.0330	5500	5,101	0.0030	5.8	22.7	0.001	0.004
	0.0393	6460	5,980	0.0037	7.1	29.8	0.002	0.006
	0.0458	7592	7,026	0.0045	8.6	38.4	0.003	0.008
	0.0524	8903	8,248	0.0054	10.2	48.6	0.003	0.012
	0.0591	10397	9,650	0.0064	12.2	60.7	0.004	0.016
	0.0658	12061	11,229	0.0074	14.1	74.9	0.005	0.022
	0.0726	13877	12,969	0.0087	16.6	91.5	0.007	0.029 0.037
	0.0794	15813	14,845	0.0099	19.0	110.4 131.6	0.008 0.010	0.037
	0.0861	17821	16,817	0.0111	21.2			0.047
	0.0929	19852	18,837	0.0126	24.1 26.7	155.7 182.4	0.012 0.014	0.038
	0.0997	21843	20,848	0.0140 0.0153	29.1	211.5	0.014	0.072
	0.1065 0.1133	23734 25466	22,789 24,600	0.0155	31.4	242.9	0.019	0.107
	0.1133	25490	25,478	0.0103	0.5	243.4	0.000	0.107
	0.1134	26789	26,140	0.0178	33.9	277.3	0.022	0.129
	0.1269	27734	27,262	0.0177	33.8	311.2	0.023	0.152
	0.1333	28361	28,048	0.0177	33.7	344.9	0.025	0.177
	0.1395	28703	28,532	0.0174	33.3	378.2	0.027	0.204
	0.1426	28777	28,740	0.0088	16.7	394.9	0.014	0.218
	0.1433	28786	28,782	0.0020	3.8	398.7	0.003	0.222
	0.1441	28791	28,789	0.0023	4.3	403.0	0.004	0.225
	0.1445	28793	28,792	0.0011	2.2	405.2	0.002	0.227
	0.1447	28793	28,793	0.0006	1.1	406.3	0.001	0.228
	0.1448	28793	28,793	0.0003	0.5	406.8	0.000	0.229
	0.1448	28793	28,793	0.0000	0.0	406.8	0.000	0.229
	0.1449	28793	28,793	0.0003	0.5	407.4	0.000	0.229
	0.1449	28793	28,793	0.0000	0.0	407.4	0.000	0.229
	0.1510	28682	28,738	0.0173	33.0	440.3	0.031	0.260
	0.1572	28370	28,526	0.0174	33.2	473.6	0.034	0.294
	0.1634	27883	28,127	0.0172	32.8	506.3	0.036	0.331
	0.1698	27244	27,564	0.0174	33.2	539.5	0.040	0.371
	0.1763	26475	26,860	0.0172	32.8	572.3	0.043	0.414
	0.1830	25597	26,036	0.0172	32.8	605.1	0.047	0.462
	0.1899	24628	25,113	0.0171	32.6	637.7	0.051	0.513
	0.1972	23586	24,107	0.0173	33.1	670.8	0.057 0.062	0.570
	0.2047	22487	23,037	0.0170	32.5	703.3 735.8	0.062	0.632 0.700
	0.2126 0.2210	21346 20175	21,917 20,761	0.0170 0.0172	32.6 32.8	768.6	0.076	0.776
	0.2210	18988	19,582	0.0172	32.4	801.0	0.070	0.859
	0.2393	17795	18,392	0.0170	32.8	833.8	0.093	0.952
	0.2493	16607	17,201	0.0169	32.3	866.2	0.102	1.054
	0.2601	15431	16,019	0.0170	32.5	898.7	0.114	1.169
	0.2718	14276	14,854	0.0171	32.7	931.4	0.128	1.297
	0.2843	13150	13,713	0.0169	32.2	963.6	0.142	1.439
	0.2980	12057	12,604	0.0170	32.5	996.1	0.161	1.600
	0.3130	11004	11,531	0.0170	32.5	1,028.6	0.182	1.783
	0.3294	9994	10,499	0.0169	32.4	1,061.0	0.206	1.988
	0.3476	9032	9,513	0.0170	32.5	1,093.5	0.235	2.224
	0.3676	8119	8,576	0.0169	32.2	1,125.7	0.266	2.490
	0.3900	7259	7,689	0.0170	32.4	1,158.1	0.307	2.797
	0.4152	6452	6,856	0.0170	32.5	1,190.6	0.355	3.152
	0.4435	5700	6,076	0.0169	32.3	1,222.9	0.410	3.562
	0.4756	5003	5,352	0.0169	32.3	1,255.2	0.477	4.039
	0.5124	4361	4,682	0.0170	32.4	1,287.6	0.561	4.600
	0.5546	3774	4,068	0.0169	32.3	1,319.9	0.660	5.261
	0.5662	3635	3,705	0.0042	8.1	1,328.0	0.184	5.445
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		28,793		0.695	1,328		5.445 Pullet Trave	
		Max		Impulse	Bullet Vel.		Bullet Trave	1

The impulse that acted on the bullet also acts on the breech face of the bolt, forcing the bolt rearward. We can use this type of analysis to find the recoil velocity of the bolt.

The first step in a rigorous investigation of the bolt recoil and counter recoil is to derive a number of important equations describing the motion of the bolt. These derivations are all based on the fact that as the bolt moves in recoil, the driving spring absorbs and stores energy. While this analysis starts with the approach of Lt. Colonel George Chinn in his book *The Machine Gun, Design Analysis of Automatic Firing Mechanisms and Related Components Volume IV, Parts X and X*, it considers the effects of friction, firing angle, and the effect of the bolt's impact at the rear of the receiver, whereas Chinn's analysis did not. As will be shown, these effects are considerable.

If we approach the problem based on a conservation of energy, then the energy remaining in the bolt at any time during its recoil stroke with the bolt moving to the rear is expressed by the following equation: 12

$$\frac{MrVr^2}{2} = Er - (Fod + fd + \frac{Kd^2}{2})$$
Where:
$$Mr = Mass \text{ of the recoiling components}$$

$$Vr = Velocity \text{ of the recoiling components}$$

$$Er = Initial \text{ energy available to do work}$$

$$Fo = Initial \text{ compressive force on the bolt from the action spring}$$

$$f = Retarding \text{ frictional forces}$$

$$K = Action \text{ spring's spring constant}$$

$$d = Distance \text{ the bolt has traveled}$$

This equation may be used for deriving the equation expressing the relationship between time and the bolt's rearward motion. Solving for Vr, the velocity of the recoiling components, results in the following:

$$\frac{MrVr^{2}}{2} = Er - (Fo + f)d - \frac{Kd^{2}}{2}$$

$$Vr^{2} = \frac{-K}{Mr}\frac{d^{2}}{Mr} - \frac{2(Fo+f)}{Mr}d + \frac{2Er}{Mr}$$

$$Vr = \sqrt{\frac{-K}{Mr}\frac{d^{2}}{Mr} - \frac{2(Fo+f)}{Mr}d + \frac{2Er}{Mr}}$$

Because velocity is equal to the change in distance divided by the change in time:

$$Vr = \underbrace{\frac{dd}{dt}} = \sqrt{\frac{\underline{-K}}{Mr} \frac{d^2 - \underline{2(Fo+f)}}{Mr} \frac{d + \underline{2Er}}{Mr}}$$

$$dt = \frac{dd}{\sqrt{\frac{-K}{Mr}d^2 - \frac{2(Fo+f)}{Mr}d + \frac{2Er}{Mr}}}$$

From a table of integrals, we find the following solution:

$$\frac{dd}{\sqrt{ad^2 + bd + c}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-a}} \frac{\sin^{-1} \frac{-2ad - b}{b^2 - 4ac}} + C$$
where:
$$a = \frac{-K}{Mr}$$

$$b = \frac{-2(Fo + f)}{Mr}$$

$$c = \frac{2Er}{Mr}$$

Therefore:

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{Mr}{K}} \sin^{-1} \left[\frac{2K}{\frac{Mr}{Mr}} \frac{d}{\frac{Mr}{Mr}} + \frac{2(Fo + f)}{\frac{Mr}{Mr^2}} \right] + C$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{Mr}{K}} \sin^{-1} \left[\frac{2}{\frac{Mr}{Mr}} \frac{Kd}{\frac{Mr}{Mr}} + \frac{2}{\frac{Mr}{Mr}} (Fo + f) \right] + C$$

$$\frac{2}{\frac{Mr}{Mr}} \sqrt{Fo^2 + 2Fof + f^2 + 2KEr}$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{Mr}{K}} \sin^{-1} \left[\frac{Kd + Fo + f}{\sqrt{Fo^2 + 2Fof + f^2 + 2KEr}} \right] + C$$

If we assign the term
$$\sqrt{Fo^2 + 2Fof + f^2 + 2KEr}$$
 to be equal to Q

Then substituting this back into the expression for t gives the following:

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{Mr}{K}} \sin^{-1} \left[\frac{Kd + Fo + f}{Q} \right] + C$$

At t = 0, d = 0; therefore:

C =
$$-\sqrt{\frac{Mr}{K}} \sin^{-1} \left[\frac{Fo + f}{Q} \right]$$
 and this leaves us with:

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{Mr}{K}} \left[\frac{\sin^{-1} \frac{Kd + Fo + f}{Q} - \sin^{-1} \frac{Fo + f}{Q} \right]$$

This provides the formula for describing the movement of the recoiling components. Solving this equation for distance (d) as a function of time (t) yields the following:

$$d = Q \sin \left[(t) \sqrt{\frac{K}{Mr}} + \sin^{-1} \frac{Fo + f}{Q} \right] - Fo - f$$

$$K$$

Remembering that:
$$\sqrt{\text{Fo}^2 + 2\text{Fof} + \text{f}^2 + 2\text{KEr}} = Q$$

We need to define Er as the initial energy available to push the bolt rearward, and this is equal to:

$$= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Mr} (\operatorname{Vbolt})^2$$

We determine the velocity of free recoil as being equal to the area under the pressureversus-time curve divided by the mass of the recoiling parts due to the following reasoning:

$$\begin{array}{lll} Force & = & Mass * Acceleration \\ F_{pressure} & = & Mass * Velocity Bolt/Time \\ Vbolt & = & Pressure(Bore Area)(t)/Mr \\ Vbolt & = & I / Mr \end{array}$$

Then: Er =
$$\frac{1}{2} Mr (I / Mr)^2$$

$$Er = \frac{1}{2} I^2 / Mr$$

Substituting:

$$= \sqrt{\frac{Mr}{K}} \left[\frac{\sin^{-1} \frac{Kd + Fo + f}{\sqrt{Fo^{2} + 2Fof + f^{2} + \frac{KI^{2}}{Mr}}} - \frac{\sin^{-1} \frac{Fo + f}{\sqrt{Fo^{2} + 2Fof + f^{2} + \frac{KI^{2}}{Mr}}} \right]$$

$$d = \sqrt{Fo^2 + 2Fof + f^2 + \frac{KI^2}{Mr}} \sin \left[(t) \sqrt{\frac{K}{Mr}} + \sin^{-1} \sqrt{Fo^2 + 2Fof + f^2 + KI^2} \right] - Fo-f$$

This same type of analytical procedure can be done to determine the equations for the motion of the bolt moving forward. Here the stored energy of the recoil or action spring drives the bolt forward, retarded by the friction forces. Again, from the conservation of energy standpoint, the following is true:

$$\frac{\text{MrVf}^2}{2}$$
 = Energy Stored - Energy - frictional + Rebound Energy by the spring Expended losses from Bolt Impact

$$\frac{\text{MrVf}^2}{2} = \text{FoD} + \frac{\text{KD}^2}{2} - \left[\text{Fo(D-d)} + \frac{\text{K}}{2} (\text{D-d})^2 \right] - \text{fd} + \frac{\text{MrVi}^2}{2}$$

The coefficient of restitution, e, is a ratio that defines the difference between the impact velocity and the rebound velocity from the impact of one body with another. A coefficient of restitution of 1 implies a perfectly elastic collision, where the rebound velocity is equal to the impact velocity; no loss of velocity occurs. A coefficient of restitution of 0 implies that the impact force and velocity are totally absorbed by the impact of one body with another. This coefficient is not totally a material property; a part's geometry affects this number as well as how the collision takes place. Regardless, the coefficient is the ratio between the impact velocities of the bolt impact to its rebound velocity. Therefore:

$$e = Vi/Vr$$
 or $Vr(e) = Vi$

and then:

$$\frac{MrVf^2}{2} = FoD + \frac{KD^2}{2} - FoD + Fod - \frac{K}{2}D^2 + KDd - \frac{K}{2}d^2 - fd + \frac{MrVr^2e^2}{2}$$

$$\frac{MrVf^2}{2} = FoD + KDd - \frac{K}{2}d^2 - fd + \frac{MrVr^2e^2}{2}$$

$$\frac{MrVf^2}{2} = -\frac{K}{2}d^2 + d(Fo + KD - f) + \frac{MrVr^2e^2}{2}$$

Solving for Vf yields:

$$Vf = \sqrt{\frac{-\underline{K}d^2 + \underline{2d}(Fo + KD - f) + Vr^2e^2}{Mr}}$$

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$$\frac{dTt}{\sqrt{\frac{-\underline{K}d^2 + \underline{2d}(Fo + KD - f) + Vr^2e^2}}}$$

$$\frac{dTt}{\sqrt{\frac{2(Fo+KD-f)}{K}d^{2}+\frac{Mr}{K}Vr^{2}e^{2}}} - \sqrt{\frac{Mr}{K}}$$

From a table of integrals:

$$\frac{dd}{\sqrt{-d^2 + 2ad + B}} = tan^{-1} \left[\frac{(d-a)\sqrt{-d^2 + 2ad + B}}{d^2 + 2ad - B} \right] + C$$

Where:
$$a = \frac{Fo + KD - f}{K}$$

$$B = \frac{MrVr^{2}e^{2}}{K}$$

$$Tt = \sqrt{\frac{Mr}{K}} \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{(d-a)\sqrt{-d^2 + 2ad + B}}{d^2 + 2ad - B} \right] + C$$

At t = 0, d = 0 so:

$$C = -\sqrt{\frac{Mr}{K}} \tan^{-1} \boxed{\frac{-a \sqrt{B}}{-B}}$$

This results in the following:

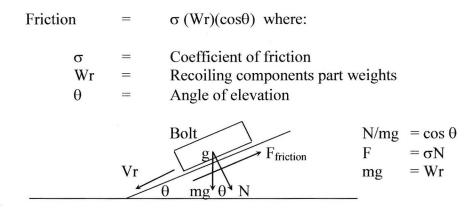
$$Tt = \sqrt{\frac{Mr}{K}} \left[tan^{-1} \left[\frac{(d-a)}{\sqrt{-d^2 + 2ad + B}} - tan^{-1} \left[\frac{-a}{\sqrt{B}} \right] \right] - tan^{-1} \left[\frac{-a}{\sqrt{B}} \right] \right]$$

The counter-recoil time is solved by replacing D for d to yield the following:

$$Tt = \sqrt{\frac{Mr}{K}} \left[tan^{-1} \left[\frac{(D-a)\sqrt{-D^2 + 2aD + B}}{D^2 + 2aD - B} \right] - tan^{-1} \left[\frac{-a\sqrt{B}}{-B} \right] \right]$$

Having done this portion of the analysis, we can now turn our attention to the frictional forces that are involved in retarding the bolt travel and define more clearly the (-f-) term in our calculations.

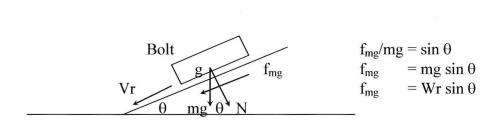
The first of these is the sliding friction that occurs between the bolt and the housing or receiver that houses the bolt assembly. This force acts over the entire distance the bolt moves and is a function of the particular elevation at which the firearm is fired; when the firearm is fired straight up at 90°, this retarding force is 0, and when the firearm is fired horizontally, this force is equal to the weight of the bolt assembly times the coefficient of friction. The relation that governs this type of behavior is as follows:



The second retarding force to be considered is gravity. Again, depending on the elevation, this force can affect the cyclic rate of the gun. When the barrel is pointed downward during the rearward motion of the bolt assembly, gravity will resist the motion, and when the barrel is pointed upward, it will aid recoil. While the gun is horizontal, this force is not present. The relation that covers this behavior is as follows:

mg $\sin \theta$

 f_{mg}



Another frictional force to be overcome is that from the magazine box. This comes in two forms. The first is the force necessary to strip shells from the magazine box and feed them into the chamber. The second is the frictional force acting during counter recoil, where the next round to be fed presses upward on the bolt as it travels to the rear.

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comes d feed where Generally, both of these forces can be ignored because the distance that they act over is short, the frictional coefficient is low, and, the force pressing up against the bolt, is partially negated by the weight of the bolt itself. Dividing the model into four discreet sections—two for recoil stroke and two for counter recoil—is also avoided by ignoring this effect. The force of the magazine spring is the largest variable for this frictional force.

Another variable in the cyclic rate is the shoulder of the shooter firing the weapon. Generally, smaller/lighter individuals do not control the gun when it is firing as well as large-stature/heavier individuals. This causes the gun to move to the rear more, and the relative velocity of the bolt to the receiver is reduced. This reduces the coefficient of restitution as well. In submachine guns, this effect is lessened in comparison with light machine guns due to the impulse of pistol cartridges being much less relative to the weight of the gun. For .22-caliber rifles, this effect is minimal. Testing is usually the best way to determine how the relative velocity condition will affect the gun's performance because it changes not only the bolt velocity but also the feeding dynamics of the cartridges. Allowing for "heavy" shoulder versus "light" shoulder shooters is a condition that all gun designers need to verify through extensive shooting tests. Most analyses that consider the shooter's shoulder attempt to model it as a spring-and-dash-pot system with different initial conditions for the two shoulder types. As shown later, good results are obtainable without taking this variable into account for this class of firearms.

Another variable not considered is recoil spring "surge". When the bolt starts to travel to the rear and after bolt impact with the receiver, the spring coils will generate a harmonic surge wave which reduces the effective load the spring exerts on the bolt. This dynamic condition was not considered in the analysis, but can be accounted for by lowering the coefficient of restitution selection to the value the designer feels is appropriate.

Finally, we come to the problem of case friction during the firing of the gun. Here, too, the frictional forces act for a very short period of time; the surface finish of the chamber is usually very good, which results in low coefficients of friction for the chamber; and the cases may have some oil on them as well, which lessens this bolt velocity effect. As a consequence, this variable was not included in the frictional force calculations. When the analysis of the Sten submachine gun was calculated using the equations previously presented, the following results were obtained for various firing angles:

Firing Angle (degrees)	Coefficient of Restitution (e)	Calculated Recoil Time (sec)	Calculated Counter-Recoil Time (sec)	Calculated rpm Level
90	.001	.0380	.0637	590
45	.001	.0376	.0632	595
0	.000	.0359	.0605	622
-45	.001	.0343	.0577	652
-90	.001	.0335	.0561	670

The full rpm calculation with the firing angle at 0 degrees and the coefficient of elasticity at .001 follows and yields an rpm level of 622.

Sten Gun Analysis Based on Derived Formulas and Assuming Frictional Drag and Elasticity

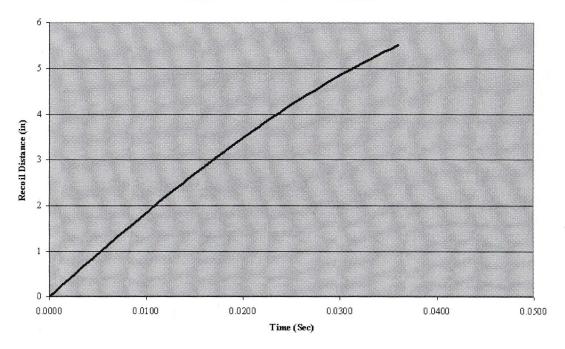
Variables		Input		Calculated		
		Values		Terms		
Bullet Weight (grains)	Wp	115		Weight of Recoiling Parts	Wt	1.40
Powder Charge Weight (grains)	Pc	6.0	8.0	Recoiling Mass	Mr	.0036
Impulse (lbs-sec)	I	.695		Er (in-lbs)	Er	66.7
Bolt Weight (lbs)	Wb	1.295		Q Term	Q	15.21
Extractor Weight (lbs)	We	.0156		a Term	a	7.85
Cocking Handle Weight (lbs)	Wc	.073		B Term	В	0.0
Spring Weight (lbs)	Ws	.047				
Full Bolt Stroke (in)	D	5.515				
Bolt Dynamic Friction Coefficient	σ	.25		Gravity Constant (lbs-sec ² /in)	G	386.4
Initial Spring Force on Bolt (lbs)	Fo	4.06				
Spring Constant (lbs/in)	K	1.589		Calc. Recoil Time (sec)	Т	.0359
Firing Angle (degrees)	θ	0.0		Calc. Counter-Recoil Time (sec)	Tt	.0605
Elasticity Coefficient	Е	.001		Calc. Rounds per Minute	rpm	622

Recoil Time (sec)	Bolt Friction Force (lbs)	Gravity Loss (lbs)	Sum of Retarding Forces (lbs)	Recoil Distance (in)	Recoil Velocity Change (in/sec)	Recoil Velocity (in/sec)	Counter Recoil Time (sec)	Counter Recoil Distance (in)	Counter Recoil Velocity (in/sec)
.0000	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
.0014	.3	0.0	.3	.275	191.0	.0113	.0113	.221	19.5
.0029	.3	0.0	.3	.547	-1.9	.01661	.0161	.441	46.6
.0043	.3	0.0	.3	.815	-2.1	.0197	.0198	.662	60.2
.0058	.3	0.0	.3	1.081	-2.3	.0228	.0229	.882	70.9
.0072	.3	0.0	.3	1.343	-2.4	.0256	.0256	1.103	79.9
.0086	.3	0.0	.3	1.602	-2.6	.0281	.0282	1.324	87.7
.0101	.3	0.0	.3	1.856	-2.8	.0304	.0305	1.544	94.7
.0115	.3	0.0	.3	2.106	-2.9	.0326	.0326	1.765	100.9
.0129	.3	0.0	.3	2.352	-3.1	.0347	.0347	1.985	106.6
.0144	.3	0.0	.3	2.593	-3.2	.0367	.0366	2.206	111.8
.0158	.3	0.0	.3	2.829	-3.4	.0385	.0385	2.427	116.6
.0173	.3	0.0	.3	3.061	-3.5	.0404	.0403	2.647	121.0
.0187	.3	0.0	.3	3.286	-3.7	.0421	.0420	2.868	125.1

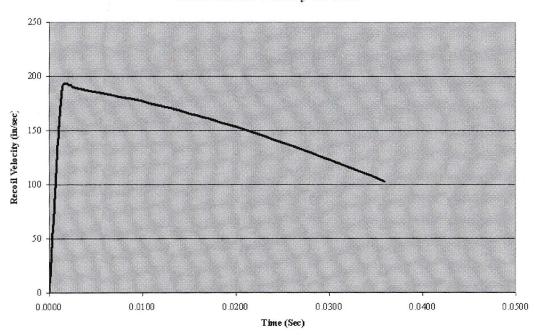
Recoil Time (sec)	Bolt Friction Force (lbs)	Gravity Loss (lbs)	Sum of Retarding Forces (lbs)	Recoil Distance (in)	Recoil Velocity Change (in/sec)	Recoil Velocity (in/sec)	Counter Recoil Time (sec)	Counter Recoil Distance (in)	Counter Recoil Velocity (in/sec)
.0201	.3	0.0	.3	3.507	-3.8	153.3	.0438	3.088	128.9
.0216	.3	0.0	.3	3.722	-4.0	149.3	.0455	3.309	132.4
.0230	.3	0.0	.3	3.930	-4.1	145.2	.0471	3.530	135.7
.0244	.3	0.0	.3	4.133	-4.2	141.0	.0487	3.750	138.8
.0259	.3	0.0	.3	4.330	-4.4	136.6	.0503	3.971	141.6
.0273	.3	0.0	.3	4.520	-4.5	132.1	.0518	4.191	144.2
.0288	.3	0.0	.3	4.703	-4.6	127.5	.0533	4.412	146.7
.0302	.3	0.0	.3	4.880	-4.7	122.8	.0548	4.633	148.9
.0316	.3	0.0	.3	5.049	-4.8	118.0	.0563	4.853	151.0
.0331	.3	0.0	.3	5.212	-4.9	113.1	.0577	5.074	152.9
.0345	.3	0.0	.3	5.367	-5.0	108.0	.0591	5.294	154.7
.0359	.3	0.0	.3	5.515	-5.1	102.9	.0605	5.515	156.2

Total Calculated Recoil Time = .0359
Total Calculated Counter-Recoil Time = .0605
Calculated Rounds per Minute = .622

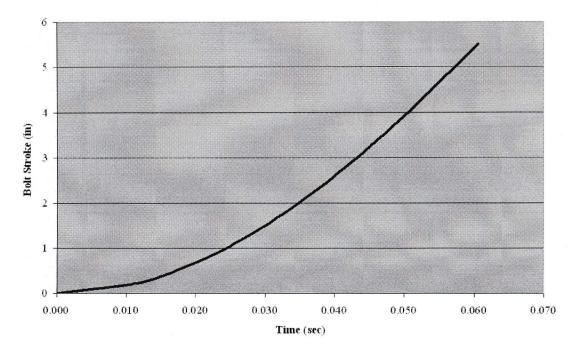
STEN Recoil Distance vs. Time



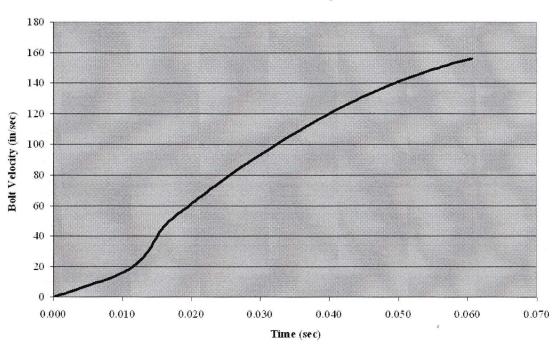
STEN Recoil Velocity vs. Time



STEN Counter Recoil Distance vs. Time



STEN Bolt Return Velocity vs. Time



Varying the coefficient of restitution (e) within some believable limits affects the rpm figures but a restitution of .001 (essentially 0) yielded the best results of 622 rpm. This is due to the fact that the Sten does not incorporate a buffer component in its design. The analysis shows the bolt impacting the rear of the receiver at close to 100 in/sec. Examination of the parts kit that was used to reverse engineer the drawings showed that the stock face of the stock assembly was bent and that the spring cap inside the receiver had been impacted by the tail of the breech bolt which provides further confirmation that there is no rebound energy being provided to the bolt for its return stroke into battery. In the next chapter we will see confirmation of these rpm and velocity results using software from Working Model and an analysis of actual gun firing using WavePad software.

Appendix III shows how the reader can set up your own Excel spreadsheet to analyze and see the effect of certain parameters on the Sten's performance or to evaluate your own design once you have made inputs for the variables.



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Men of the 15th Scottish Division leave their assault craft after crossing the Rhine and double up the east bank to their assembly point near Xanten.
March 24-31, 1945

Chapter 3 Technical Analysis Considering Friction and Elasticity: Working Model Simulation

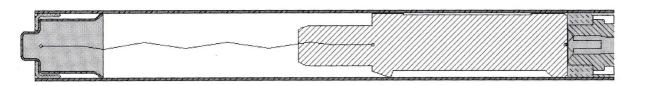
As demonstrated in my previous book on the Thompson Submachine gun, we can confirm the round per minute level presented in the previous chapter by using Working Model 2D software distributed by Design Simulation Technologies, Inc. This software allows engineers and designers to model problems such as a gun mechanism. With this type of model, we can both analyze the dynamic nature of the mechanism and also perform some "what if" type work by altering the inputs or pieces of the design.

For the purpose of this analysis, the force that was input to the bolt was the average impulse from the pressure-versus-time curve over its duration. While the program allows us to input the actual pressure (force)-versus-time curve of the round, using the average force is quicker and easier and does not affect the results. From the pressure-versus-time curve of the 115-grain, 9mm-caliber full metal jacket bullet presented earlier, we calculated that the total impulse supplied to the system was .695 lbs/sec. Therefore, the average force supplied by the round to the bolt rearward is equal to that impulse divided by the time it was applied, or:

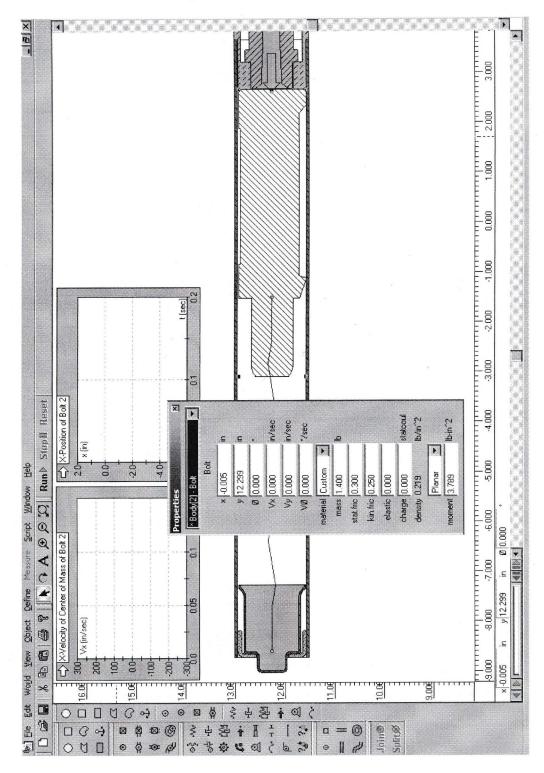
 $\frac{.695 \text{ lb/sec}}{.00566 \text{ sec}} = 122.8 \text{ lbs}$

Below is the "Working Model" part file that depicts the Sten gun system in a simplified form. The receiver and bolt are modeled in a sectional representation. The bolt is allowed to slide between the receiver and the frame and can bounce between the top and bottom of the receiver; no slot joint is used.

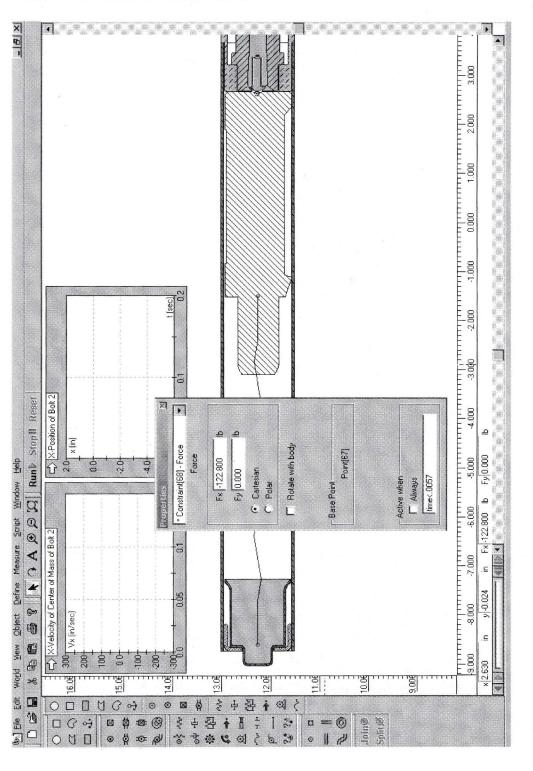
The bolt and all the components were given static friction values of .30 and dynamic friction values of .25. The bolt section's weight is input at 1.40 lbs and is the combination of the bolt, extractor, extractor spring, operating handle, and a third of the recoil spring weight.



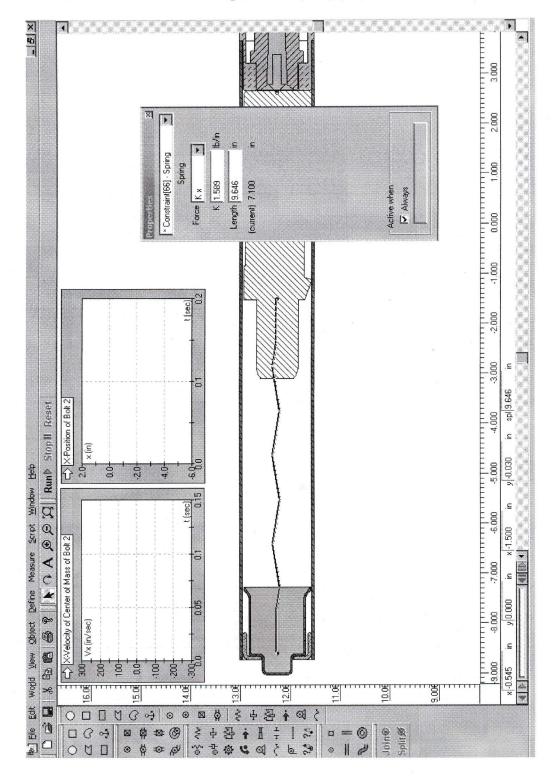
The bolt weight is set at 1.40 lbs. and the elasticity to .000 since there is no buffer. Good results were obtained using this value of elasticity.



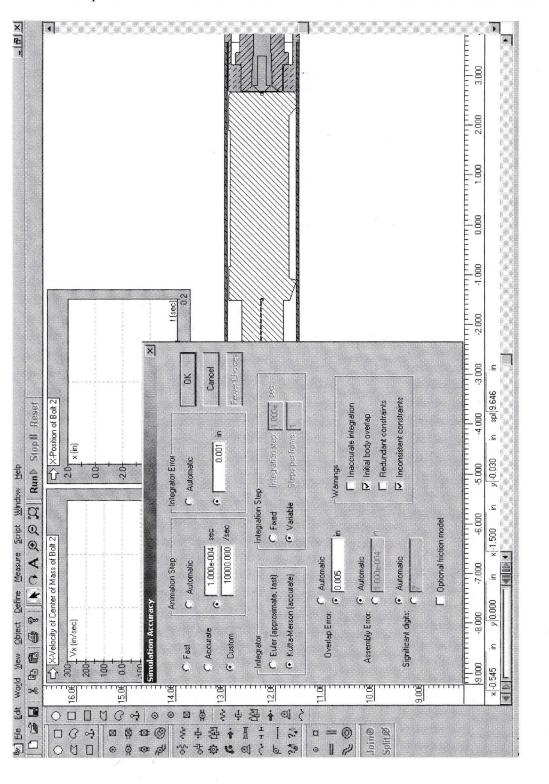
The force of 122.8 lbs is applied only for the first .0057 sec to achieve the impulse of .695 lbs/sec from the 9mm-caliber round.



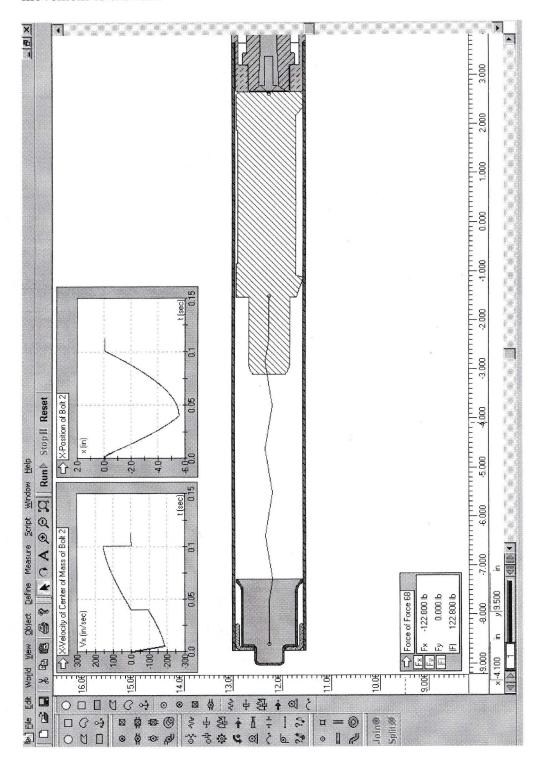
The action spring's spring rate of 1.589 lbs/in and free length's input of 9.646 inches are shown. The start length of the spring (L1) is 7.10 inches.



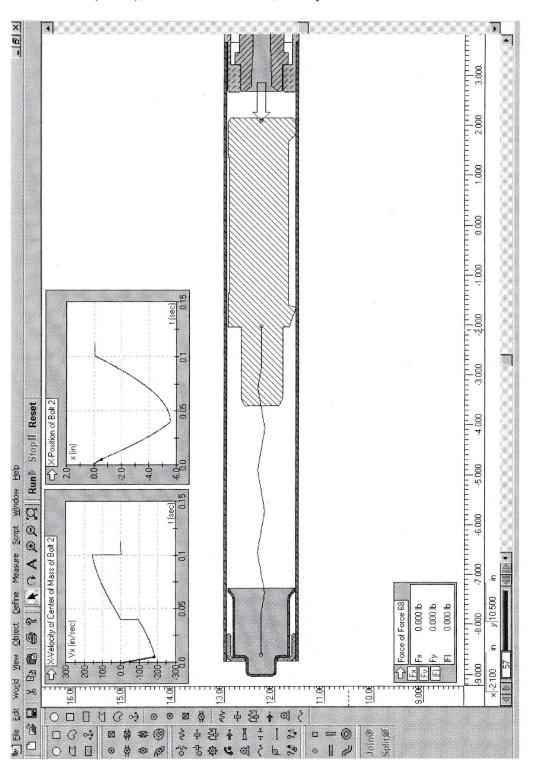
The time step used for the Sten's calculation of each frame was set to .00001 sec.



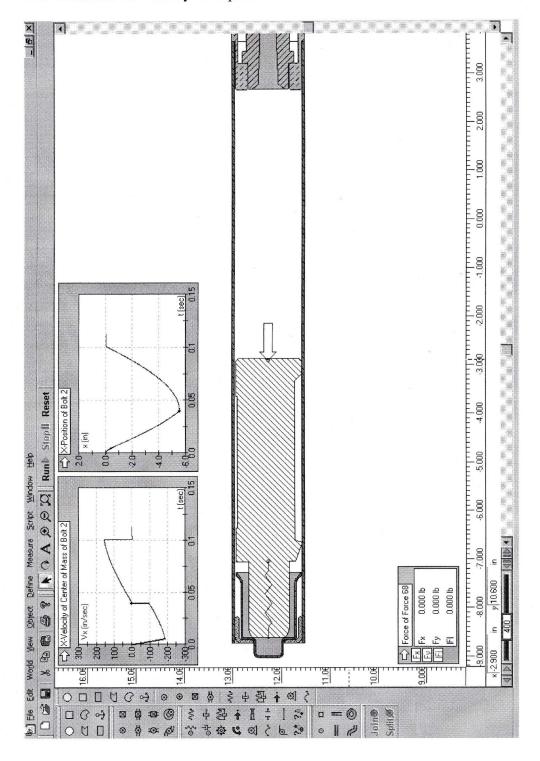
When the analysis was run, the following results were obtained: At frame 1, the force has been applied to the bolt, and the bolt has started its movement to the rear.



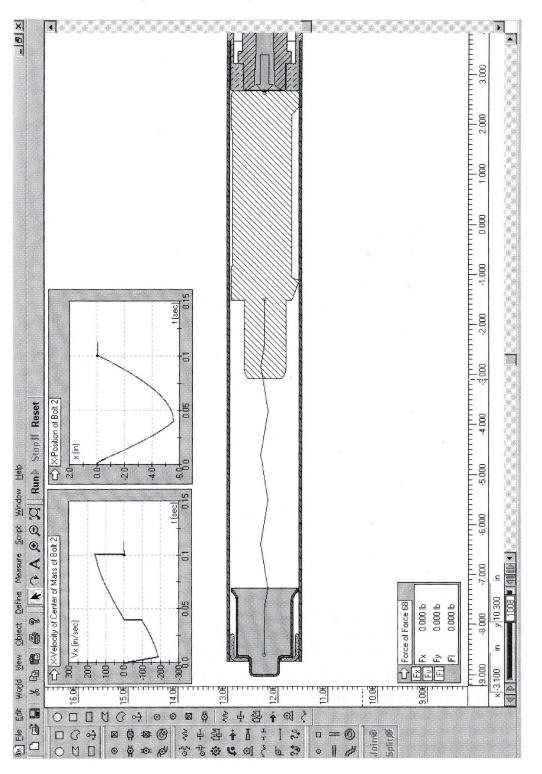
At frame 57 (.0057), the force is now off, as required.



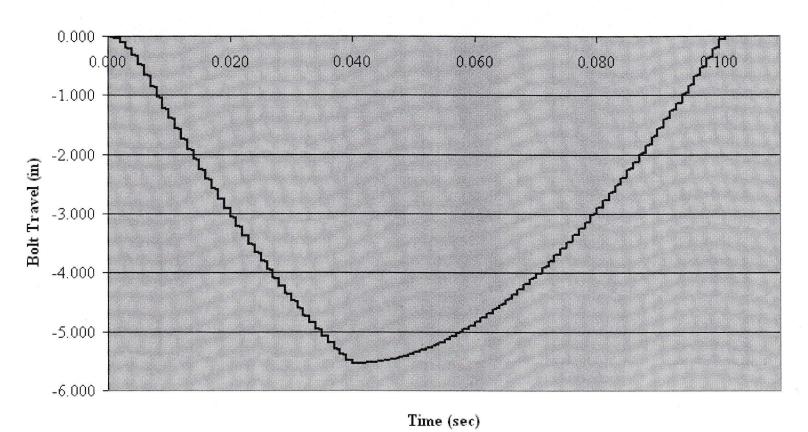
Frame 400 (.0400 sec) shows that the bolt has reached the rear of the receiver and has made impact with the buffer. The bolt reaches a maximum velocity of 190 in/sec and its velocity at impact is around 100 in/sec.



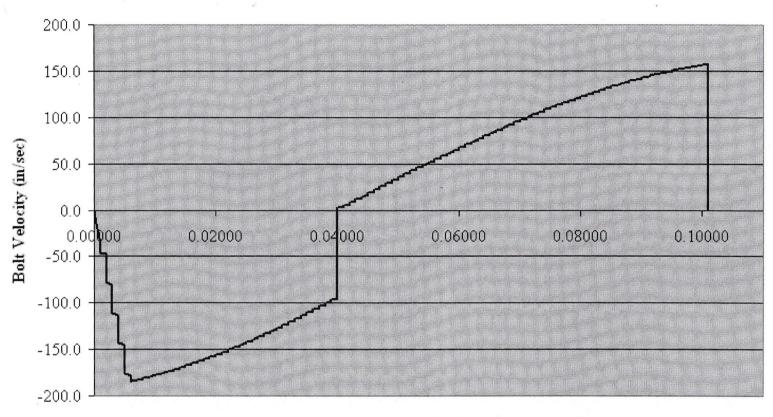
The bolt now is forced forward by the spring, returns to the front of the receiver at .1008 sec, and impacts at a velocity of 160 in/sec.



STEN Bolt Travel Working Model Analysis Elasticity = 0



STEN Bolt Velocity Working Model Analysis Elasticity = 0



Time (sec)

A summary of both analysis techniques presented is shown below:

Analysis Type	Bolt Recoil Velocity @ Impact (in/sec)	Bolt Counter- Recoil Vel @ Impact (in/sec)	Recoil Stroke Time (sec)	Counter- Recoil Time (sec)	Total Stroke Time (sec)	rpm Level
Calculated Using Conservation of Energy - Includes Frictional Losses Elasticity = 0	102.9	156.2	.0359	.0605	.1009	622
Working Model Simulation - Includes Frictional Losses Elasticity = 0	94.4	156.9	.0406	.0603	.1014	592

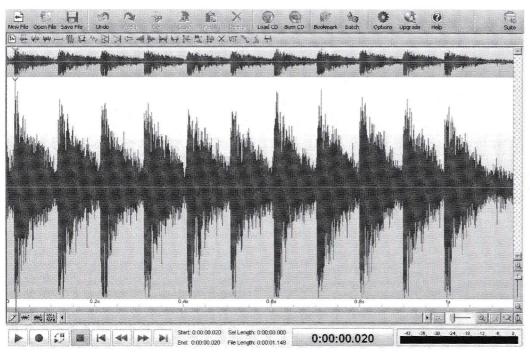
As there was with the Thompson M1A1 analysis, there is also very good correlation for the Sten between the two analyses that include frictional effects but how do they compare with actual published Sten rpm values and experimental results.

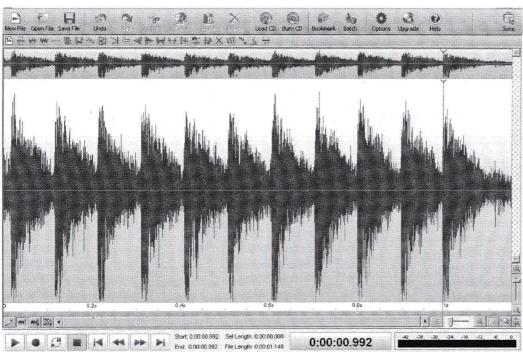
Reported Sten Round-per-Minute Values versus Calculated

rpm	w
Value	Source of Information
550	Nelson, Thomas B., The World's Submachine Guns,
	T.B.N. Enterprises (1963), p.494
560	US Government, First Report on Sten Sub-Machine
	Gun 9mm / MkII, Ordnance Program 5082, Aberdeen
	Proving Ground (Jan. 6, 1942), p.11
622	Calculated Using Conservation of Energy and
	Includes Frictional Losses. Elasticity = 0
592	Working Model Simulation Using Impulse and
V 10	Includes Frictional Losses. Elasticity = 0

The published results compare well but the calculated results are again higher as they were for the Thompson. A recording of a Sten firing full auto was obtained and analyzed using WavePad Sound Editor software. Firing start occurred at time .02 sec and ended at .992 sec. During this duration of .972 seconds, 10 rounds were fired. This yields an actual experimental rpm level of 617 rounds per minute and is within 5 % of the theoretical calculated results that include friction or the Working Model results. The analysis presented and given with current ammunition is therefore correct.

Full Auto Sten Test - Analysis using WavePad





.972 seconds 972 / 10

rpm level

= 10 rounds fired

60/rpm level 10* 60 / .972

617



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Infantrymen of Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal loading Sten gun magazines,
Munderloh, Germany, April 29, 1945.

Chapter 4 Firearm Metallurgy and Heat Treatment

It is important that every gun designer have some knowledge of metallurgy and materials to be used in a gun design. Many of the large arms manufacturers employ a resident metallurgist to assist the design team in picking, not only the correct materials, but more importantly the right heat treatment for each application and to answer questions the design team has. This is an area where little knowledge can be dangerous but generally, most modern gun designs tend to overdesign in material strength and properties, so that the service live of the gun normally exceeds what the commercial shooter or even his children will see in their lifetime. Military users and law enforcement though can shoot to very high endurance round levels, and for these customers the best may still not be good enough.

Generally speaking, a gun designer usually cannot go wrong by specifying 4140 steel for many gun parts. 4140 steel has excellent strength properties as well as good ductility at Rockwell "-C-" hardness levels between 40 and 45. In addition, this is a material that can be both thru hardened as well as case hardened and so gives the designer more options to see if case hardening a part and leaving a soft inside core actually aids endurance life more than thru hardening a part that sees impact loading. It is also generally available. The downside is that alloy steel is more expensive than many other low-carbon steels that may be just as good. There are also materials that machine better but with today's equipment and cutting tools this is less an issue.

8620 steel can also be a good choice for many gun part applications where case hardening is desired. It can also be used for firing pins in the case hardened condition provided the case level is not so deep as to remove or eliminate the soft core in the part that is required to achieve longer endurance life than thru-hardened parts with little "-give-". 8620 was also the material used for the receivers of M/1 Garand, the M/14, and the bolt action Springfield 1903A3.

4140 steel will not be the best choice for gun stampings with small cross-sections and intricate bends that are hard to form. In this case, a material that is softer and easier to bend such as 1010, 1020, or 1025 may be the better choice and in some cases the only choice. Some steel stampings, especially "-W-" magazine springs commonly used for bolt-action rifle magazines, need to be made out of spring steel like 1070 and also require special fixturing to go through heat treat so the parts will not distort.

6150 steel can be a lifeline to a gun designer who has put himself in a box. This material has better tensile strength characteristics than many other spring steels and in some very high-stress situations is the only material that can give satisfactory endurance life. It is difficult to come by and expensive but in some cases can provide a solution where 1070 or 1095 spring steel will not work. Maraging stainless steels are required for very demanding endurance requirements where parts see high stress and impact. These materials can be used for shotgun choke tubes, extractors, and breech bolts but are expensive, are difficult to come by, and can be difficult to machine.

Stainless steel in general has been used more and more in gun design over the past couple of decades. This is due not only to customer preference and the desire for better corrosion resistance than carbon steel, but also to improvements in machine tool technology and tool design that make it less costly to machine than before. Cutting tools now may include carbide inserts or ceramic inserts that cut stainless steel very easily. For some process engineers, there is almost a preference for machining stainless rather than high alloy carbon steels and this was not true decades ago.

Generally, most compression or torsion springs for guns are made from music wire or 17-7 PH stainless steel wire. Music wire has better tensile strength whereas the stainless has better corrosion resistant properties without giving up too much in tensile strength. The stainless material is best for military and law enforcement applications if it can be used in the space provided. The high loads required, as well as the small space limitations, almost always mean the gun designer must have a good knowledge of spring design in order to have a robust gun design.

Metal injection molded (MIM) parts are being used more and more in modern gun design. MIM components are viewed by some consumers as not being as good as wrought steel. This is not the case. A well-designed, correctly heat-treated MIM part will have an endurance life as long as a wrought steel component with a better surface finish. For many components, it is the only economical way to make a part within the price point the customer can accept. It also provides more latitude in what a designer can conceive and design.

Powder metal (PM) parts provide an economic solution to many gun parts, including sears, hammers, and triggers as well as less stressed parts such as sights or pump shotgun guide rings. Powder metal may be used where the part has a flatter, more two-dimensional contour than it has different depths and complicated stepped contours, which is where MIM parts have the advantage in terms of manufacturability.

Lastly, investment cast parts are used for some gun parts but this is occurring less as MIM parts replace them or they are machined from bar stock. This process is being used less as customers become more comfortable with MIM or even plastic components that reduce the gun cost over investment cast parts. Investment cast firearm parts usually require secondary operations and polishing that may reveal porosity in the part making it difficult or impossible to repair causing scrap and higher costs.

Provided on the next several pages are tables that give commonly used gun materials and the treats for different types of components. These tables are a guide to materials commonly used in industry but it is not all encompassing. Testing always determines whether the designer has made the correct choice for material and heat treatment. In the case of the Sten, one of the design requirements was to use materials that were available and not in short supply like many of the alloy steels required for other high-value wartime weapons and materiel. While my drawings currently call for 4140 for the barrel and the breech bolt (since we are not at war), I believe a barrel from 1140 or a bolt made from 1118 steel and case hardened to HR15N 88 – 92 with a .008" thick case probably would have worked just fine as the barrel design chapter will show.

Firearm Material Selector & Heat Treatment

Carbon	Heat Treat	Hardness	Finish	Application
Steel (AISI)				
(11151)			1	
1010	Thru Carburize .50% Carbon Potential	HRC 42-46	Black Oxide	Thin progressive stampings with complicated geometry that see wear but not impact
1010 -	Carburize .80%	HR15N 88-92	Black	Machined or stamped
1020	Carbon Potential	(.008 Min Case)	Oxide	components that see wear or contact
1022	Carburize .80% Carbon Potential	HR15N 85 Min. (.008012 Case) Core HRC 28 - 38	Black Oxide	Machined or stamped components that see wear or contact
1118	Carburize .70% Carbon Potential	HRC 25 Min. HR15N 88 – 92 (.008 Min Case)	Black Oxide	Machined or stamped components that see wear or contact
1215	Carburize .75% Carbon Potential	HR15N 88 – 92	Black Oxide	Small turned parts like spring plungers
1035	Harden & Temper	HR 45N 41 – 49	Black Oxide	Firing pin, just the tip is hardened using induction hardening
1040 - 1050	Austemper	HRC 40 – 45	Black Oxide	Machined parts that see wear or contact that may distort due to heat treat
1070	Neutral Salt Harden	HRC 40 - 45	Black Oxide	Stampings like action bars or latches that see wear, contact, and some impact. Flat springs
1095	Neutral Salt Harden	HRC 48 – 53	Black Oxide	1095 is drill rod material and is used for turned parts like pins and high stressed flat springs

Note: Hardness testing method whether RC, RA, 15N is determined by the thickness of the material and heat treat method.

Firearm Material Selector & Heat Treatment

Alloy	Heat Treat	Hardness	Finish	Application
Steel (AISI)				
4137	Neutral Salt & Austemper	HRC 41 – 47	Black Oxide	Machined or stamped components that see wear or contact
4137	Harden & Temper	HRC 41 – 47	Black Oxide	Machined or stamped components that see wear or contact
4140	Harden & Temper	HRC 40 – 45	Black Oxide	Machined or stamped components that see wear or contact
4140	Harden & Temper	HRC 26 – 32	Black Oxide	Machined or stamped components that see wear or contact and especially barrels
4140	Austemper	HRC 40 – 45	Black Oxide	Machined parts that see wear or contact that may distort due to heat treat
4140	Carburize .75% Carbon Potential	HR15N 88-92 (.008 Min Case)	Black Oxide	Machined parts that see wear or contact that need a soft core to resist shock
6150	Austemper	HRA 74-78 HR15N 64-69	Black Oxide	Excellent material for flat springs seeing high stress
8620	Carburize .65% Carbon Potential	HR15N 88 – 92 (.006 Min Case)	Black Oxide	Firing pins that need a hard outer skin but soft core for shock.

Firearm Material Selector & Heat Treatment

Stainless Steel (AISI)	Heat Treat	Hardness	Finish	Application
416	Harden & Temper	HRC 26 – 32	Passivate Bright	Machined components and especially barrels
416	Vacuum Quench and Temper	HRA 69 – 72 (HRC 36 – 42)	Passivate Bright	Turned parts and especially threaded screws
440A or 440F	Vacuum Quench and Temper	HRC 50 - 55	Passivate Bright	Turned parts like pivot pins or threaded screws

Spring Material Selector & Heat Treatment

Spring Steel	Heat	Hardness	Finish	Application
	Treat			*
Music Wire	Stress	N/A	Oil	Compression and
ASTM-A228	Relieve			extension springs
Music Wire	Not	N/A	Oil	Torsion springs
ASTM-A228	Required			
17-7 PH	Stress	N/A	Passivate	Compression and
Stainless Steel	Relieve			extension springs
17-7 PH	Not	N/A	Passivate	Torsion springs
Stainless Steel	Required			

Metal Injection Molded (MIM) Material Selector & Heat Treatment

MIM	Heat Treat	Hardness	Finish	Application
MIM 4140	Same as AISI	Same as AISI	Same as	Same as AISI 4140
	4140	4140	AISI 4140	*
MIM 4605	Same as AISI	Same as AISI	Same as	Same as AISI 4140
	4140	4140	AISI 4140	
MIM 2200	Carburize	HR15N 88-92	Black Oxide	Components that see
	.80% Carbon	(.008 Min Case)		wear or contact.
	Potential			Similar to AISI 1010
				- 1020 and Iron 2%
			2	Nickel material
MIM 17-4	H-900	HRC 38 – 45		Components that see
Stainless				wear or contact.
MIM 410	H-900	HRC 38 – 45		Components that see
Stainless			,	wear or contact.
			- \	Corrosion resistance
				not as good as 17-4

Powder Metal Material Selector & Heat Treatment

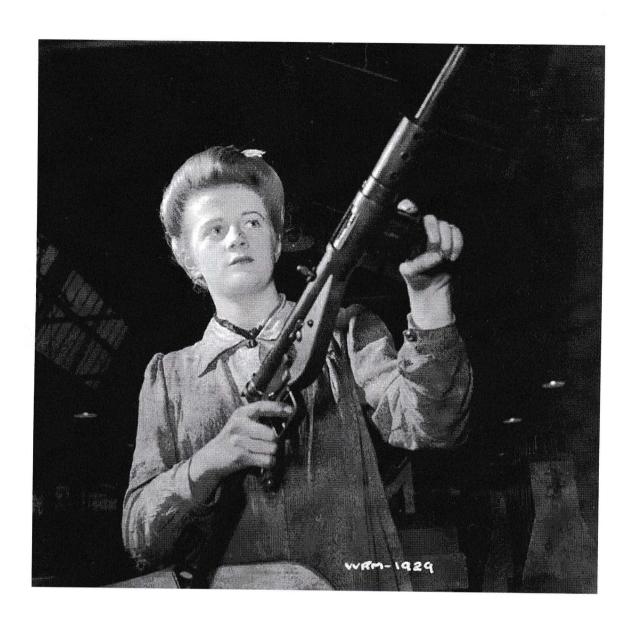
PM	Heat	Hardness	Finish	Application
	Treat	1.		
MPIF FN-0208	Harden &	HRC 40 – 45	Black Oxide	Components that
$6.8 \text{ gr/cc}^3 \text{ min}$	Temper			see wear or contact
density				
MPIF FC-0208	Harden &	HR15N 72 - 82	Black Oxide	Case hardened
6.8 gr/cc ³ min	Temper			parts that see wear
density				or contact.
MPIF FLN4-4405	Harden &	HRC 40 – 45	Black Oxide	Components that
$6.8 \text{ gr/cc}^3 \text{ min}$	Temper	ă.		see wear, contact,
density				or impact.
700				Expensive material
				relative to the
				others.

Plastic Material Selector

PM	Type	Finish	Application
Polypropylene	Thermoplastic	Black	Stocks
(PP)	× ×		
20% Glass			
LNP Verton	Thermoplastic	Black	Firecontrol Housing or
(PA) Polyamide			Trigger Plate
50% Glass			
Delrin 100 (acetel)	Thermoplastic	Black	Magazine Followers
Nylon 6/6	Thermoplastic	Black	Gun Grips
(PA) Polyamide			
30% Glass			*

Finishing of carbon steel firearm components is usually a black oxide finish or manganese phosphate finish to turn these metal components a black color. This is the low cost alternative for rust prevention and is used with oil to prevent corrosion. Powder metal parts require special finishing to help them retain their black oxide color; otherwise, the parts turn purple over time. Impregnation of the parts with a polymer resin to fill in the pores of the component is done before color. Stainless steel parts need to be passivated to aid their corrosion resistance after being machined with carbon steel cutters. Stainless steel parts can also be made black using a nitro-carburizing case hardening process referred to as "quench – polish – quench (QPQ). This process not only makes stainless steel black but also places an extremely hard surface layer on a part with no additional thickness to the part. QPQ is a thermo-chemical process that diffuses nitrogen and carbon into the surface of a steel part. This improves a part's wear resistance and lubricity. It is much more costly than black oxide. While it is used on stainless parts, it also can be used on carbon steel parts as well.

Finishing of aluminum parts with a black finish is accomplished using an anodizing process or by using a powder coat process. Type II anodizing adds .0005 to 001" thickness to the part. Hard coat anodizing adds .002 - .003". Powder coating adds .002 - .003" as well, so parts treated with these processes can have assembly problems if this added thickness is not accounted for by the designer.



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Nicholas Morant
May 26, 1942
Woman worker poses with finished Sten Submachine Gun,
Small Arms Plant, Long Branch, Ontario, Canada.

Chapter 5 **Barrel Design**

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You would also think that this is an area well covered by engineering analysis. The gun series US Army Material Command Pamphlet AMCP 706-252 Gun Series - Gun Tubes provides some guidance, and the following appears from its pages. 13 It offers barrel-design stress analysis for various gun-tube applications from standard barrels to recoilless gun barrels and barrels with liners (two-piece construction).

Commercial gun barrels are subject to three principal stresses. Military barrels experience these pressure induced stress components, which may be considered alone or combined with either or both the thermal or liner shrinkage stresses, depending on their requirements. These are the three main commercial barrel principal stresses:

 σ_t = Tangential stress σ_r = Radial stress

 $\sigma_a = Axial stress$

These stress components are then inserted in the Von Mises-Hencky equation following the strain energy theory of failure to find an equivalent stress, $\sigma_{\rm e}$

$$2\sigma_e^2 = (\sigma_t - \sigma_r)^2 + (\sigma_r - \sigma_a)^2 + (\sigma_a - \sigma_t)^2$$

The stressed material remains in the elastic range as long as σ_e does not exceed the yield strength in tension. For an open-end cylinder, such as a gun barrel, the axial stress becomes zero and the equation reduces to:

$$\sigma_e^2 = \sigma_t^2 - \sigma_t \sigma_r + \sigma_r^2$$

According to Lame, the tangential stress (σ_t) at any diameter due to the pressure in the barrel (p) is:

$$\sigma_t = \frac{p \ D_i^2 \ (D_o^2 + D^2)}{D^2 \ (D_o^2 - D_i^2)}$$

where: $D_i = Inside diameter$

 D_0 = Outside diameter

D = Diameter at any point from D_i to D_o

For stress calculations, the rifling groove diameter is generally considered to be the inside diameter. The maximum tangential stress occurs at the inner wall diameter and this reduces the equation to:

$$\sigma_{t} = \frac{p W^2 + 1}{W^2 - 1}$$

where: $W = \underline{\underline{D}_o}$ (the wall ratio)

The general radial stress equation is:

$$\sigma_{\rm r} = \frac{p \, D_{\rm i}^2 \, (D_{\rm o}^2 - D^2)}{D^2 \, (D_{\rm o}^2 - D_{\rm i}^2)}$$

The maximum radial stress again occurs on the inner wall, which reduces the equation to:

$$\sigma_{\rm r} = -p$$

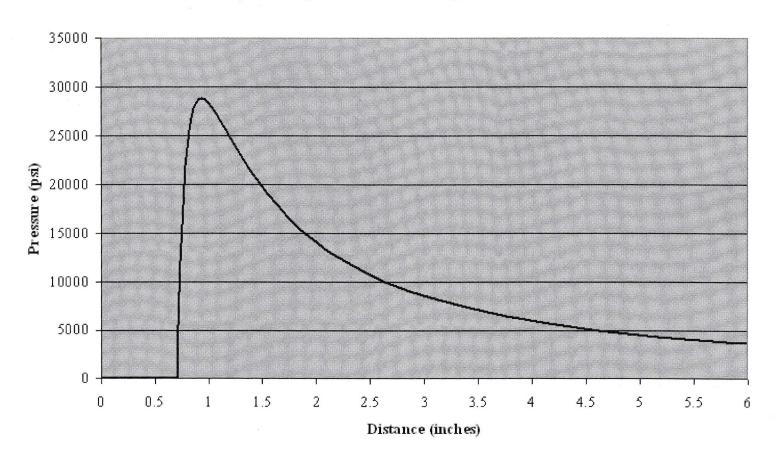
Since a gun barrel is not a closed cylinder, the only axial stresses (along the axis of the barrel) are those introduced by the recoil acceleration and the frictional forces induced by the projectile. These stresses actually reduce the effective stress and when omitted from the analysis introduce a measure of conservative design. There is an additional torsional stress from the rifling of the barrel, but here this too is ignored since it is low relative to the tangential and radial stress and seldom is considered in analyzing a barrel design.

Further manipulation of the equations shows that increasing the outside diameter does not greatly increase the strength of the gun barrel. In fact, a tube having a wall thickness equal to the bore diameter will be 84% as strong as one infinitely thick. Hence, it is not uncommon to make a barrel outside diameter three times the bore size.¹⁴

Stress concentration will appear any place along the barrel where a sharp transition along the barrel profile is present. Normally, larger radii will reduce the high stresses in these regions to be more acceptable.

The pressure data used in the calculations come from the pressure-versus-time curve converted to pressure-versus-distance data as previously discussed and shown in the appendix. Although the pressure at the base of the projectile is less than the chamber pressure, the differential is generally used and accepted as a safety measure.

Pressure Versus Distance 9mm 115 gr Bullet With 6 gr of Powder



For the Sten, the barrel has really only two distinct regions: a hub and a straight barrel forward of the hub. The main hub diameter of .905 sees the maximum pressure of the 9mm cartridge of approximately 29,000 psi for normal service ammunition. If we increase this, assuming the proof round pressure is 30% higher, we get a pressure of 38,000 psi to consider. It should be noted that Sten guns were not proofed, though. With the inside groove diameter of the 9mm round being .357 inches, we derive the following:

The wall ratio =
$$\underline{D_o}$$
 = $\underline{\underline{D_o}}$ = $\underline{\underline{.905}}$ = 2.535

Tangential stress =

$$\sigma_{\rm t} = \frac{p \ W^2 + 1}{W^2 - 1} = \frac{(38,000)(2.535^2 + 1)}{(2.535^2 - 1)} = 52,000 \text{ psi}$$

Radial stress =

$$\sigma_{\rm r} = -p = 38,000 \text{ psi}$$

Equivalent stress =

$$\sigma_{e} = (\sigma_{t}^{2} - \sigma_{t}\sigma_{r} + \sigma_{r}^{2})^{.5} = 46,600 \text{ psi}$$

AISI 4140 steel in the HRC 26–32 condition has an average yield tensile strength of 96,500 psi and an ultimate strength of 125,000 psi, so the equivalent stress calculated at 46,600 yields a factor of safety of 2.1 for a proof load where:

The factor of safety is 2.7 for a service round. Based on these calculations and type of analysis, a barrel in 4140 steel would be acceptable.

Would the barrel be safe in AISI 1140 steel where the yield strength in the annealed condition is approximately 51,000 psi and the tensile strength is 75,000 psi? The factor of safety drops to 1.4 for the service round and 1.1 for the proof load; *the reality is probably yes*.

Maj. Gen. Julian Hatcher, in his book *Hatcher's Notebook*, did testing using Springfield 03 rifles in .30-06 Springfield where he turned barrels to a .125 wall thickness and fired the barrels with regular and high-pressure cartridges with no visible effect. The service round pressure was probably between 50,000 and 60,000 psi. He then turned the barrels down to a wall thickness of .062 inches. It held three regular service rounds but failed with a 75,000 psi high-pressure round. Hatcher had also tested Springfield rifles with pressures of 130,000 psi without any ill effects on the barrels. Based on the equations, this should not be.

The Springfield rifle barrel has a diameter of .957 inches, 3.891 inches from the chamber end of the barrel. It uses steel with a tensile strength of 110,000 psi and a yield strength of 75,000 psi. ¹⁸ If we assume a round pressure of 57,000 psi, we achieve the following results:

The wall ratio =
$$W = \underline{D_o} = \underline{.957} = 3.107$$

$$D_i = 3.308$$

Tangential stress =

$$\sigma_{\rm t} = \frac{p W^2 + 1}{W^2 - 1} = \frac{(57,000)(3.107^2 + 1)}{(3.107^2 - 1)} = 70,170 \text{ psi}$$

Radial stress =

$$\sigma_{\rm r} = -p = 57,000 \text{ psi}$$

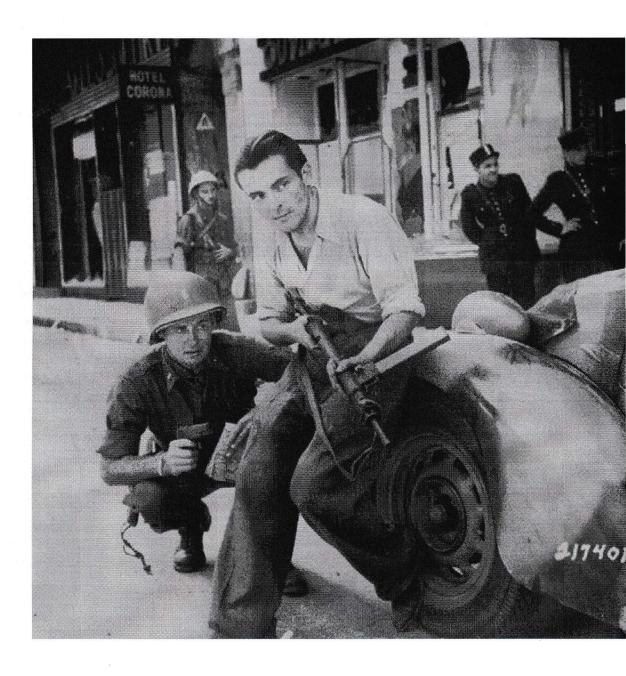
Equivalent stress =

$$\sigma_{\rm e} = (\sigma_{\rm t}^2 - \sigma_{\rm t}\sigma_{\rm r} + \sigma_{\rm r}^2)^{.5} = 64,400 \text{ psi}$$

This puts the Von Mises equivalent stress right at a factory of safety 1.2 for a *service* round, but we know Springfield rifles can shoot thousands of rounds without barrel failure. Apparently, large safety margins are not needed for barrel design. This brings us back to the first paragraph:

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Testing bears this out.

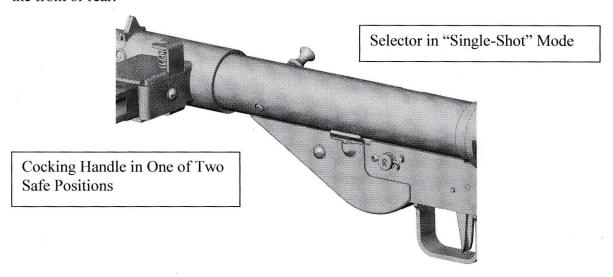


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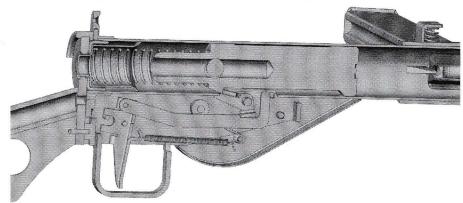
Chapter 6 Cycle of Operation

To have the gun in a safe condition there must not be a round in the chamber and the bolt must be forward against the barrel. In this position, the cocking handle can be pushed toward the interior of the gun, so that the end of the cocking handle projects into the receiver body. In this position, the bolt is secured, locked, and not allowed to move to the front or rear.



To get the gun ready to fire in *single-shot* mode you must first pull the cocking handle outward to disengage the receiver and then cock the gun so the return spring is compressed and the bolt is held from going forward by the sear. If a loaded magazine is in the gun at this point, care must be taken to not lose control of the cocking handle when pulling it rearward. If the bolt is back far enough and released inadvertently, the gun will load a round from the magazine and potentially fire the gun.

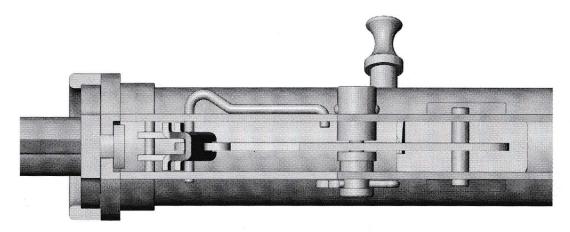
To fire the Sten submachine gun in *single-shot* (semiautomatic/repetitive) mode, the selector must be pushed so that the "-R-" marking is toward the body of the gun.



Section View Showing the Bolt in the Cocked, Ready to Fire, Single-Shot Mode



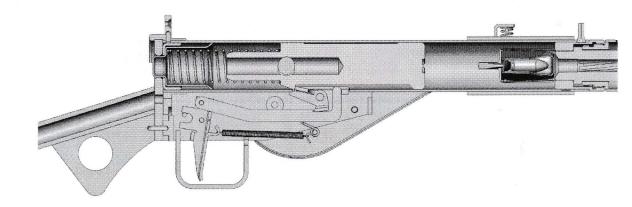
With the selector in single-shot mode, the disconnector is positioned by the selector to be in line with the gun's centerline, as shown from the bottom view of the gun below.



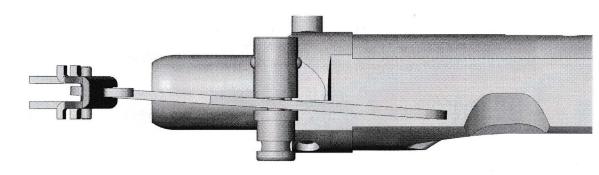
To fire the gun, the trigger is pulled. This motion rotates the trigger, causing the disconnector to move forward and rotate the sear counterclockwise. This in turn releases the bolt. The bolt is then biased forward by the compressed return spring. As the bolt moves forward, the sear stop surface on the bolt comes in contact with the disconnector, pushing it downward, and in so doing, releases the sear from the disconnector. The sear is now free and is biased by the sear spring back upward. The forward movement of the bolt continues until the two forward pick-up surfaces of the bolt contact the top round in the magazine box. This contact strips the round from the magazine box, pushing it forward where it comes in contact with the feed chamfer of the barrel, and guiding it into the chamber.

After the cartridge is seated in the chamber and is stopped by it, the extractor snaps over the rim of the cartridge, and the primer is ignited by the fixed firing protrusion on the breech bolt. Ignition of the primer ignites the powder charge and the powder burns. The round is propelled down the barrel by the powder gases and the bolt is pushed to the rear by those same powder gases through the use of the spent case as a piston. The rearward movement of the bolt compresses the return spring. The fixed ejector welded to the receiver is brought into contact with the spent case as the bolt moves approximately 1.520 inches to the rear. This contact rotates the cartridge to exit from the firearm through the ejection port of the gun.

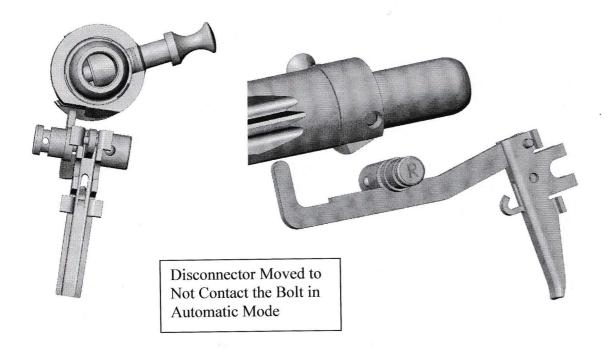
The bolt continues to the rear for approximately 5.540 inches and impacts the spring cap component at the rear of the receiver. Now the return spring takes over and forces the bolt forward until it sees the sear (engagement surface), which is biased upward by the sear spring and ready to receive the engagement surface on the bolt. The trigger must be released so the disconnector can once again rise up, return to the rear, and reengage the sear. The gun is now ready to be fired again in the single-shot mode once the trigger is pulled to the rear again.



Full-automatic fire is accomplished by forcing the selector so the "-A-" side is against the body of the receiver. This motion forces the disconnector away from the centerline of the gun toward the magazine side.



This movement moves the top of the disconnector away from the disconnector cam surface of the breech bolt so the disconnector is not moved downward away from the sear, as it is in single-fire mode. Now it always stays in contact with the sear and never releases it. This keeps the sear continuously depressed and the gun will fire automatically as long as the trigger is pulled or the magazine box runs out of ammunition. The bolt stops in the forward closed position after the last round is fired.



The Sten has an additional safety position in the receiver tube where the cocking handle can be pulled to the rear and then rotated along with the breech bolt to index into a slot meant to prevent the bolt from going forward. This is not a positive safety position, and care must be used in carrying the gun in this condition with a loaded magazine.





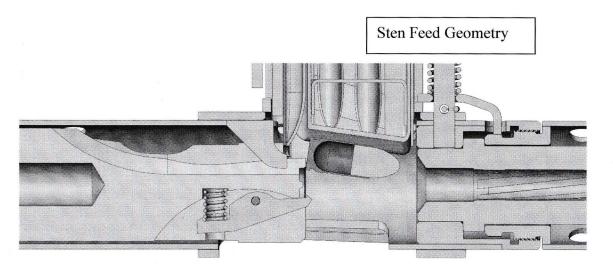
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. Workman Richard Chowns of Humber Bay, Ontario works burring and cleaning Sten breech blocks for inspection at the Small Arms Ltd. plant. April, 1944

Chapter 7 Feed System

Millions of Sten guns were made. Many millions of rounds were shot. Generally, a well-made gun, properly maintained was reliable and accurate. This was true even under adverse conditions of mud and sand. There were soldiers, though, who had issues with reliability. Strictly from a design standpoint, the gun could have been even better had there been more time to design it and had some changes been made.

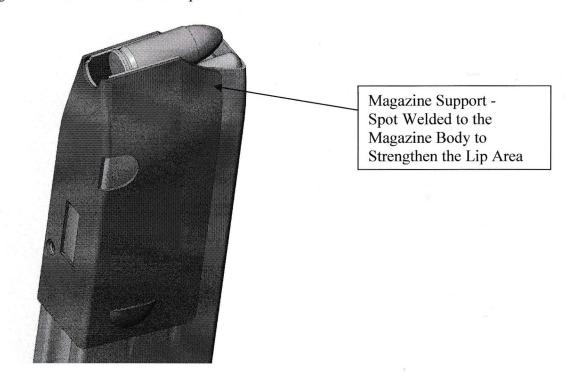
The Sten has a magazine that positions the cartridge close to the chamber. The magazine holds the round until it just enters the chamber and then releases it.



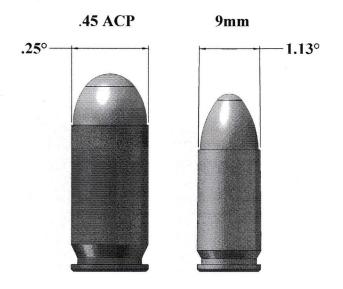
This concept is used in many guns where the magazine places the round so as to hit a ramp in order for it to guide the round into the chamber. The surface finish of the feed ramp is very important and must be smooth and free of machining rings. Polishing the feed ramp is not inappropriate, and the reliability of many guns can be improved by polishing the ramp. The improvement in reliability that can be made by having this surface polished to a mirror finish can be quite amazing as many Model 1911 gunsmiths can attest.

The Sten's magazine has the rounds staggered in the body of the magazine but funnels those rounds to a single round at the top of the magazine. This helps ensure that only one round is fed into the chamber and thus helps prevent double feeding of rounds from the magazine. The downside to this approach is that the rounds can get "jammed" trying to get to the top of the magazine due to friction and magazine geometry. In addition, there is a great deal of side pressure from the rounds on the magazine as they move to the top of the lip area from the double-stack area to the single-stack position. Double-stack magazines suffer less of this effect. The Sten's magazine needed the additional side support provided by the magazine reinforcement that was welded to the

magazine lip area to prevent rounds from bulging the magazine outward and to help guide the rounds toward the lips.



Another potential problem that exists with magazine box work is the caliber chosen. 9mm ammunition is harder to design a magazine box for than .45 ACP ammunition due to the side angle of the ammunition itself.



.45 ACP ammunition has an included angle of .25°. 9mm has well over four times that amount with an included angle of 1.13°. In a 30-round straight magazine box, this becomes an issue as the stacking of the rounds makes the follower design difficult. It can be solved by curving the magazine box slightly, as is the case with the British Sterling submachine gun, rather than making it straight, as the Sten, since the rounds have a natural inclination to curve due to the cartridge's sidewall angle. In pistol magazines, the problem is helped by having the box at an angle and not straight.

Another flaw with the Sten's feeding approach is the position of the magazine on the side of the gun rather than vertical, as it is in many other gun systems. Placing the magazine box on the side of the gun means that the entire weight of the magazine, especially fully loaded, wants to angle the magazine box relative to the chamber opening as it takes up the clearance between the magazine and magazine housing. This was also complicated when soldiers would hold the magazine housing of the Sten and bias the magazine box and cartridges relative to the feed ramp rather than holding the gun by the front heat shield as training indicated they should. A vertical magazine box is more consistently located during the feeding cycle. The downside to this is when the individual is lying flat or prone on the ground, the magazine position makes it difficult to operate the gun. Reliability is more of a priority for most users.

Another subtle design shortcoming of the Sten was the lack of a last-shot round hold-open device to keep the bolt to the rear once the gun had fired the last round. This was a feature for the Thompson submachine gun. This feature is usually provided by a lever that is moved upward by the magazine follower and stops the forward motion of the bolt once the gun has fired the last shot. This lets the user know the gun is empty and makes insertion of the next magazine easier since the bolt is out of the way and not trying to depress the cartridges as the new box of ammunition is inserted. This is a nice feature but not a necessity, as the Sten proved.

There was no time for any of this. Guns were needed immediately and a magazine design that was deemed acceptable already existed. The Sten was designed around the magazine, which was a copy of the German MP-28/Lanchester. Using the same type of ammunition and magazines as your enemy in time of war can help your soldiers in time of need when supplying them is difficult. The Sten was used well past the end of World War II and by many different countries, a fact that speaks well to the gun's overall reliability, durability, and manufacturing standards as designed and constructed. It was ugly, it was cheap, and it was effective.



Chapter 8 Technical Drawings

The following drawings represent a "-best effort-" to reverse engineer a single gun sample of a Sten. The drawings of the large components are categorized by individual operations to make the part requirements clear. Part-cut sequencing was done for convenience and not according to any engineering or machining requirement. The material selections and heat treats provided are what one would normally expect to be specified with the steels available today.

Generally, the springs used in the Sten are very well designed. The stress levels are low so that even under dynamic loading, the springs should not take a "set" and lose spring force. Calculations for the springs are provided using precision-grade tolerancing to improve consistency from gun-to-gun function. These calculations can be made by hand, but software is available from the Spring Manufacturers Institute that makes this process extremely easy and understandable.

The Sten submachine gun was a complete departure from the Thompson submachine gun in how it was designed and constructed. By using stampings, simple turned components, and simple weldments, it could be made much less expensively than the Thompson submachine gun with its wood stock and forend, castings, and machined components. While the components were simple in design for the Sten, there were still quite a few of them, as you will see in the following drawing package.

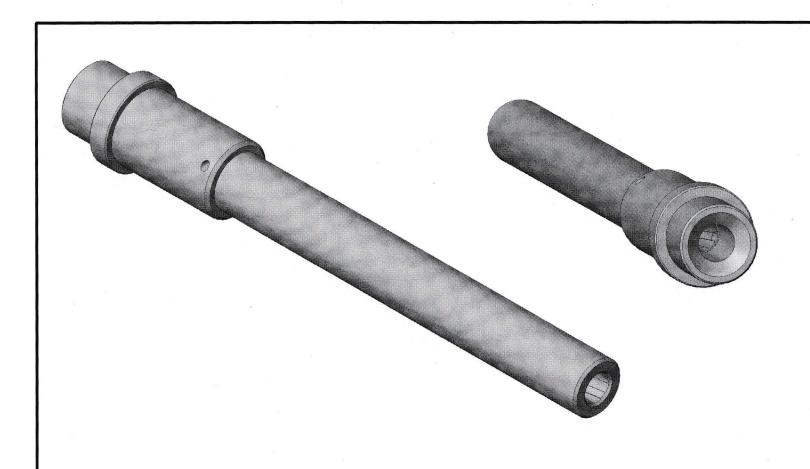
George Dmitrieff's book "Submachine Gun Designer's Handbook" was used to compare dimensions from a parts-kit gun to his drawings. In many cases there were disagreements between dimensional figures or dimensions missing, and in those cases, the actual part dimensions from components were used or a best-fit solution found. The sear design shown in the following drawings is the stamped design from the parts kit and not the machine design that was also used and described in Dmitrieff's book.

The magazine components presented the most difficulty in reverse engineering. The magazine follower in particular would need to be discussed with the stamping vendor given the job to make this component. This sort of progressive stamping with its unique fold-over design, presents difficulties in translating to a piece of paper. In all likelihood, functional gauging would be used to inspect this part for conformance. As indicated previously, magazine design and function can be the trickiest aspect of any gun project.

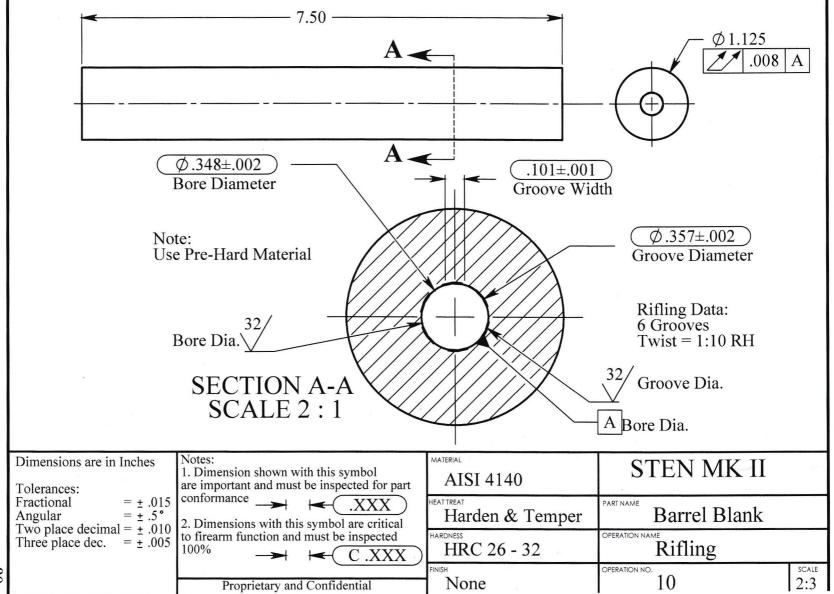
The barrel design shown in the drawings reflects a one-piece design. In Peter Laidler's book "The Sten Machine Carbine" he indicates that the barrel is in reality an assembly of three components.²¹ With today's equipment and costs of assembly, making this a one-piece design makes the most sense. The drawings reflect that.

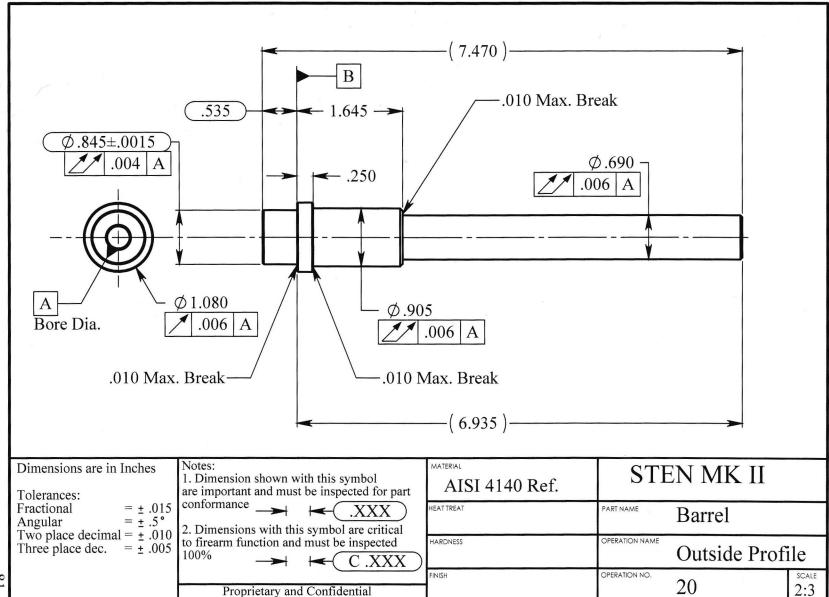
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Heat Shield	Side Plate Blank (2)
Bolt Assembly	Trigger Guard
Bolt	Trigger Stop Pin
Extractor	Receiver Top Subassembly
Extractor Pivot Pin	Rec. Rear End Bushing Assy
Extractor Spring	Rec. Rear End Bushing
Cocking Handle	Rec. Rear Bushing Bottom
Cotter Pin (2)	Ejector
Disconnector	Receiver
Disconnector Pivot Pin	Front Sight (2)
Lock Washer (2)	Receiver Bushing
Magazine Box Assy, Complete	Rear Sight
Magazine Assembly	Rear Sight Locating Pin
Magazine Box	Return Spring Assembly
Magazine Support	Return Spring
Magazine Box Bottom	Return Spring Handle Clip
Magazine Box Retainer	Screw (2)
Magazine Follower Assembly	Selector Assembly
Magazine Follower	Selector Button
Mag. Follower Support	Selector Detent Ball
Magazine Spring	Selector Spring
Magazine Housing Assy, Complete	Stock Assembly
Magazine Housing Assy	Butt Plate
Mag. Housing Tube	Stock Face
Mag. Latch Housing	Stock Stud
Mag. Latch Stud	Stock Stud Locating Pin
Barrel Nut Catch	Stock Support
Hitch Pin	Stock Tube
Lock Washer	Spring Retainer
Magazine Latch	Spring Cap
Magazine Latch Spring	Sear Assembly
Magazine Housing Spacer	Sear
Magazine Housing Plunger	Sear Spring Pin
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Receiver Bottom Sub-Assy	Trigger Housing Cover
Rec. Housing Front Support	Trigger Pivot Pin
Side Plate Left Hand	Trigger Spring

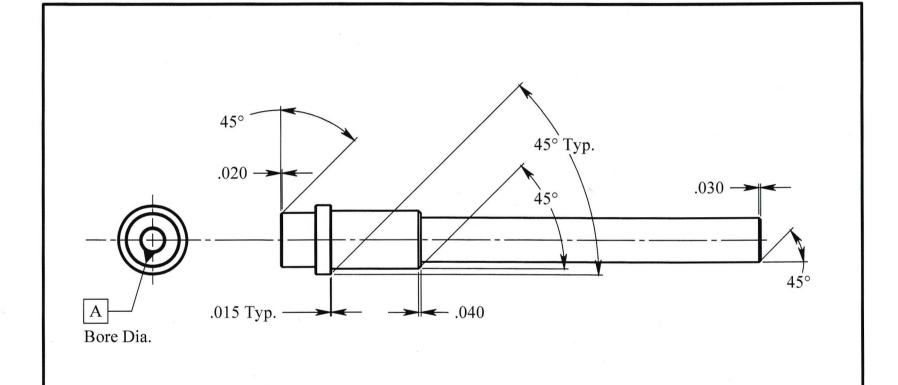
Sten Parts List



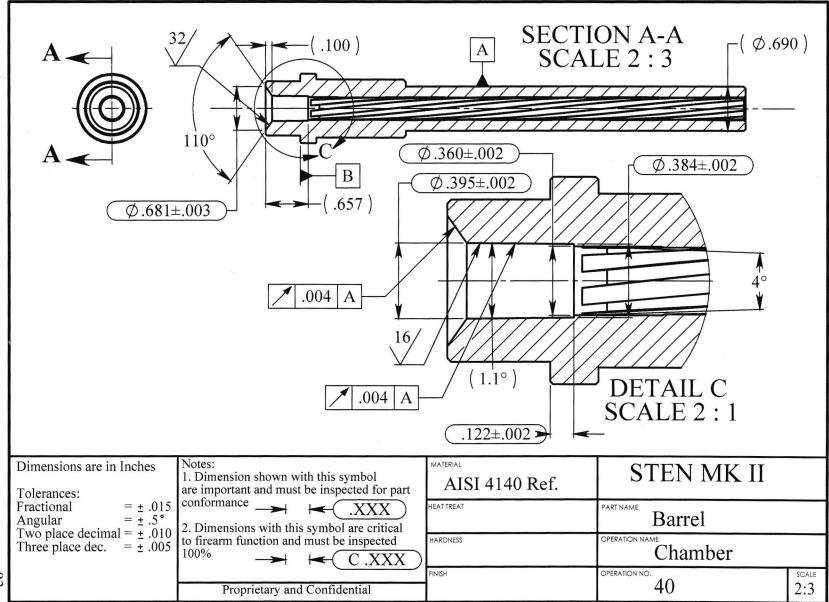
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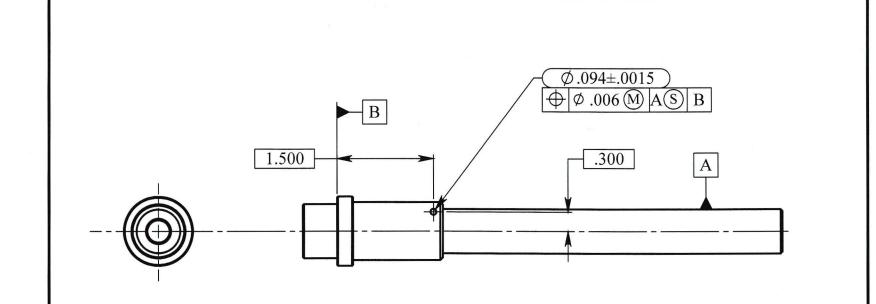




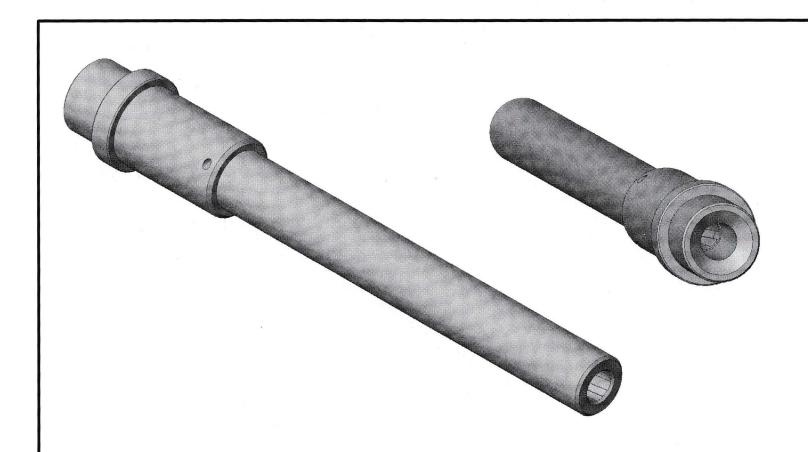


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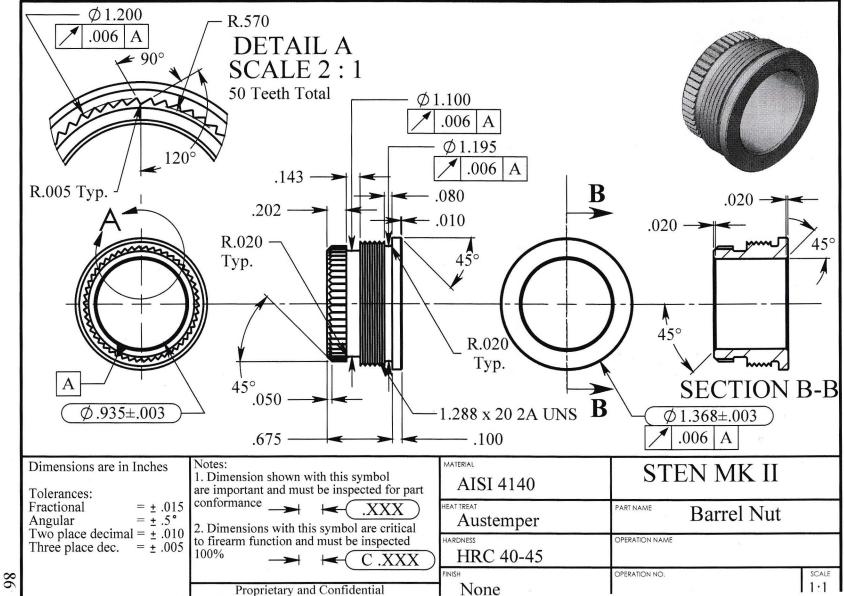


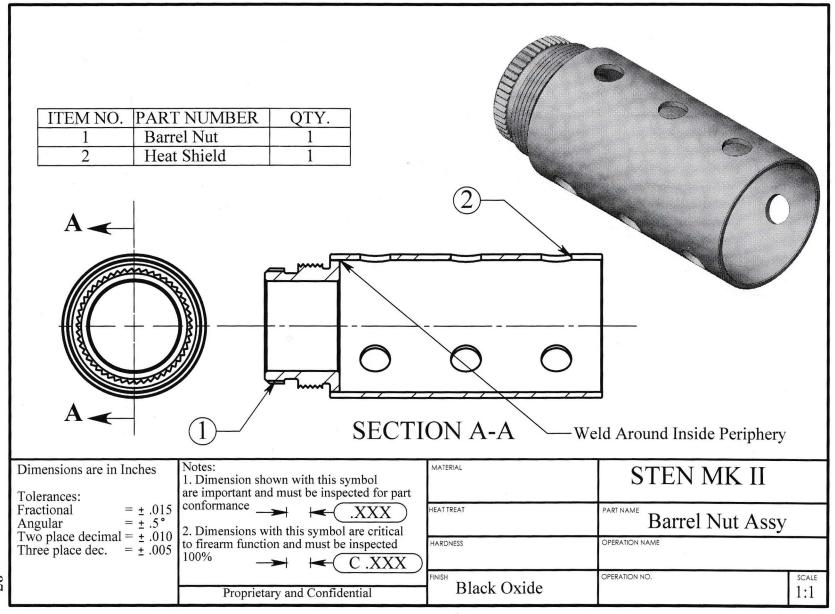


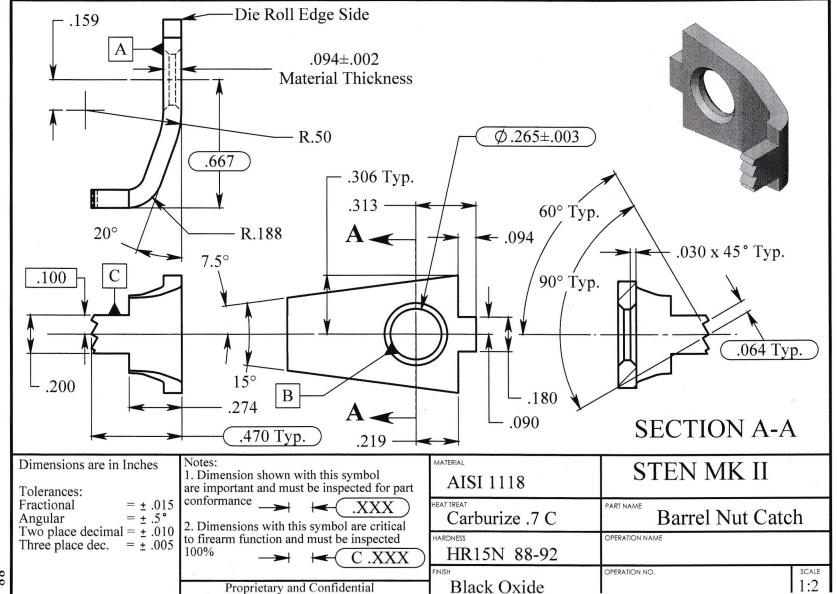
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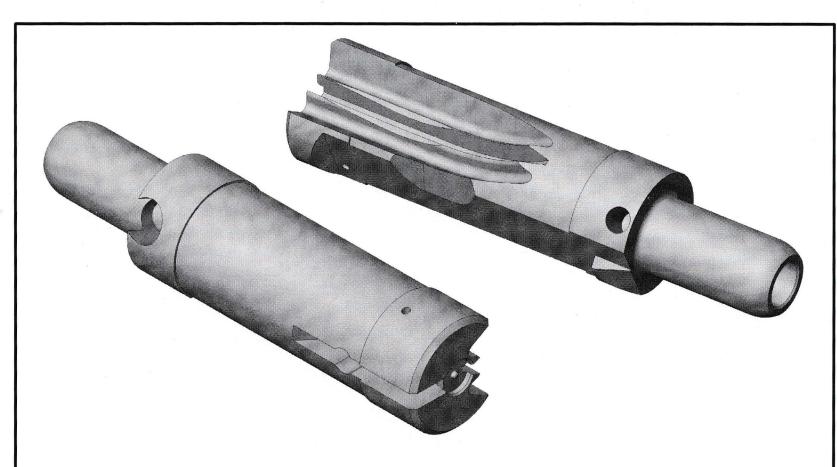


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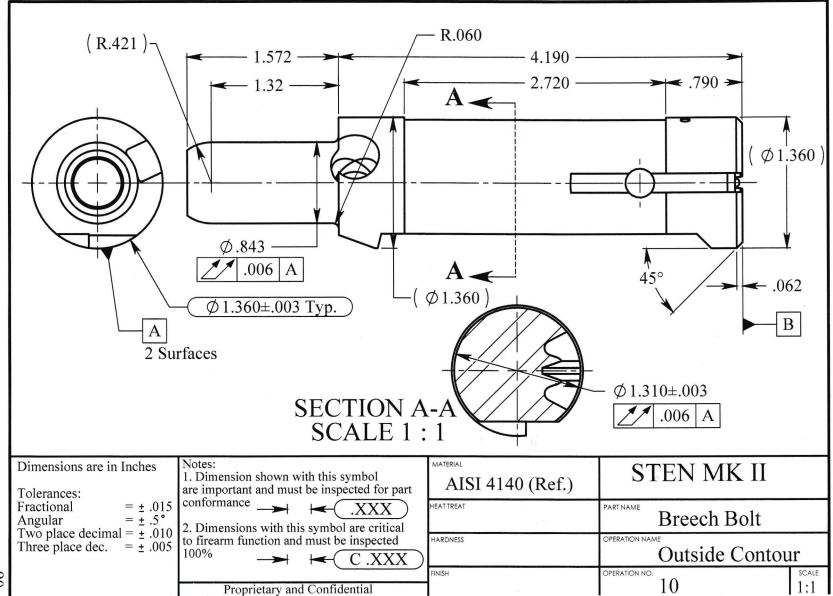


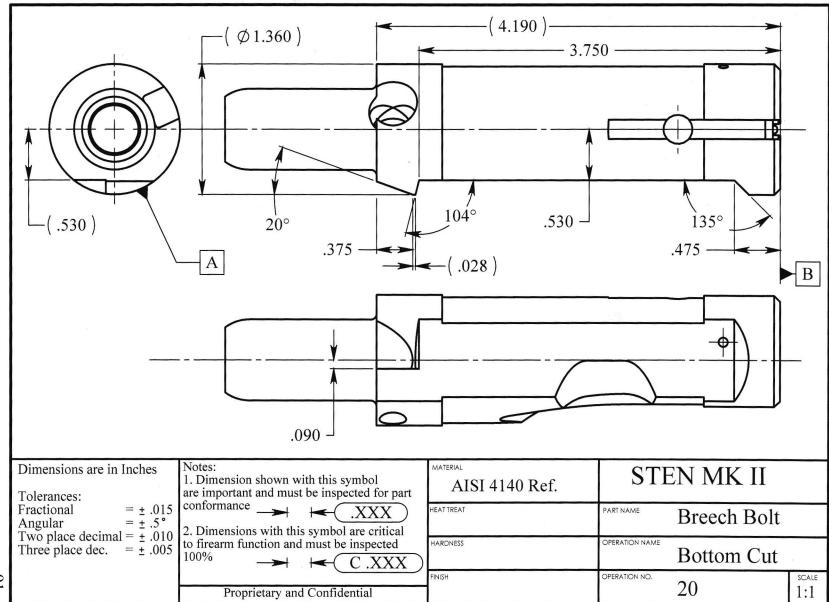


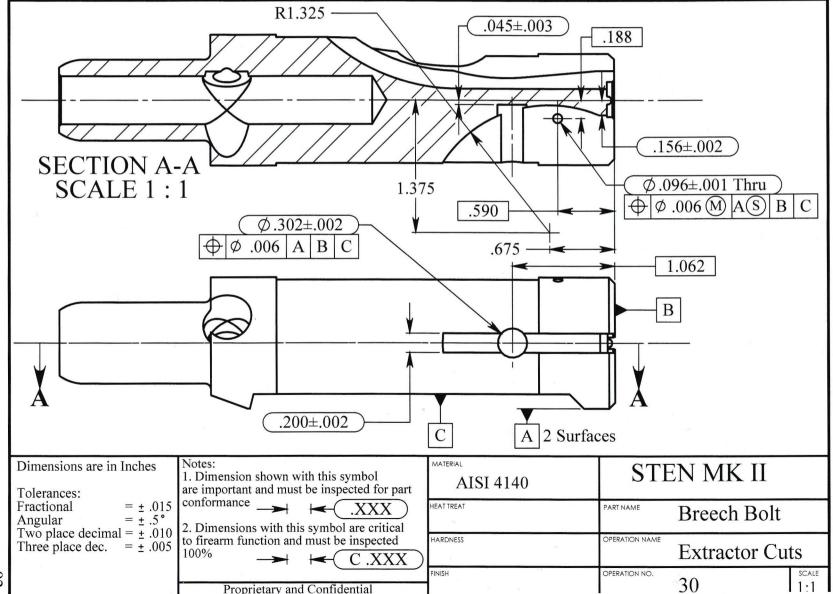


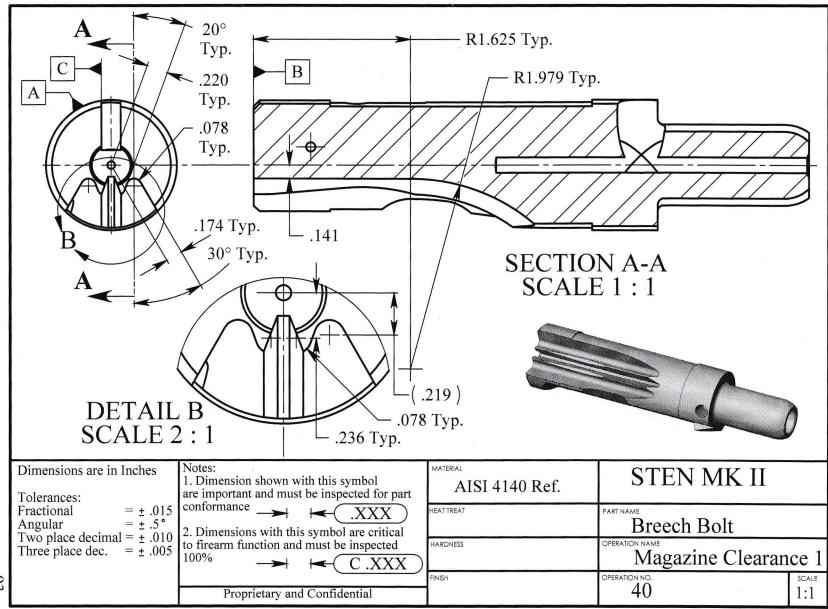


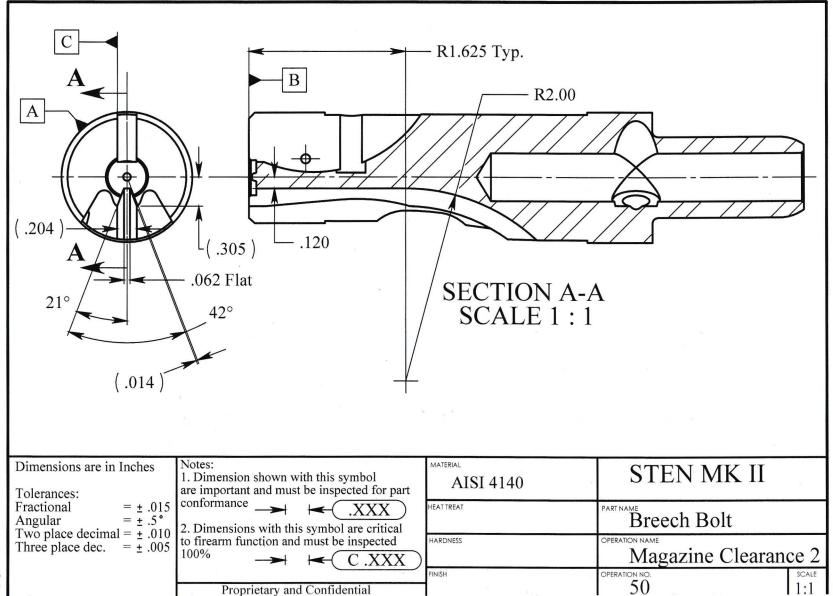
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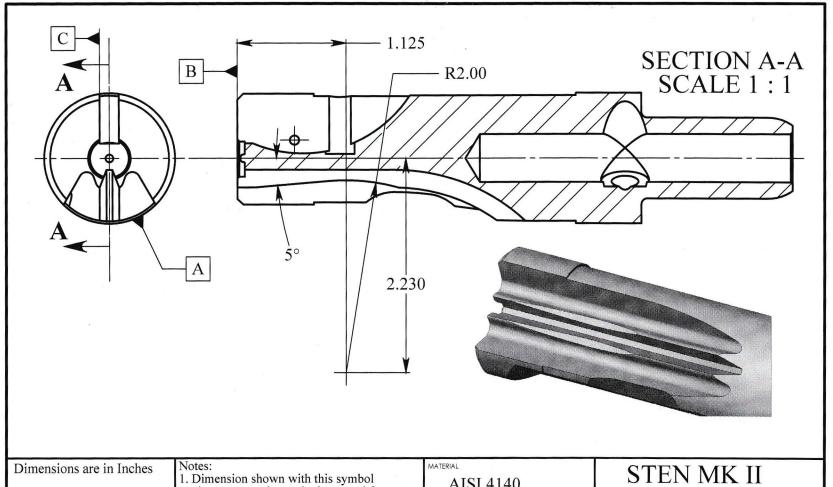




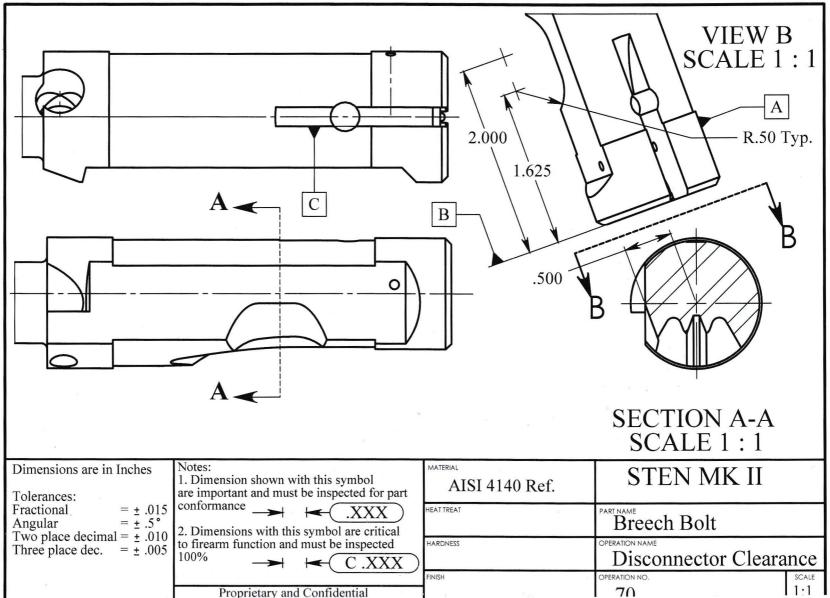


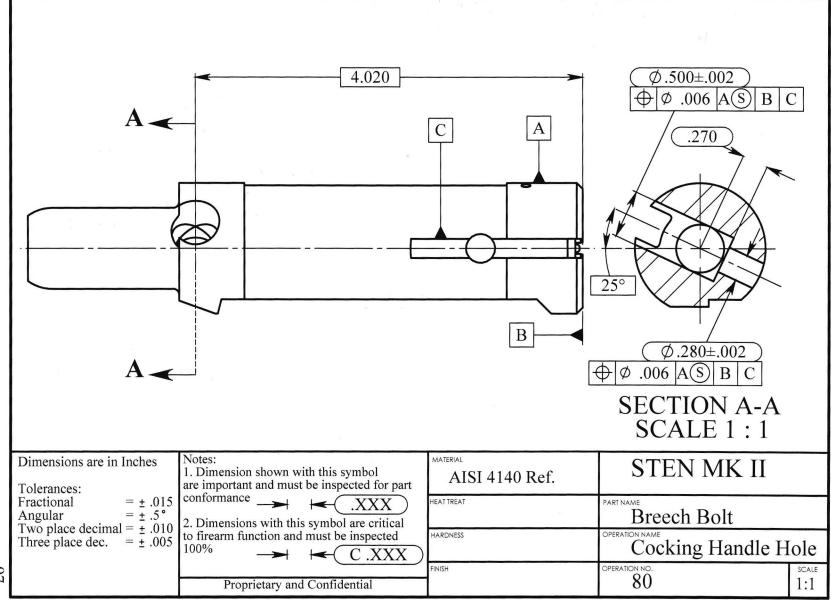


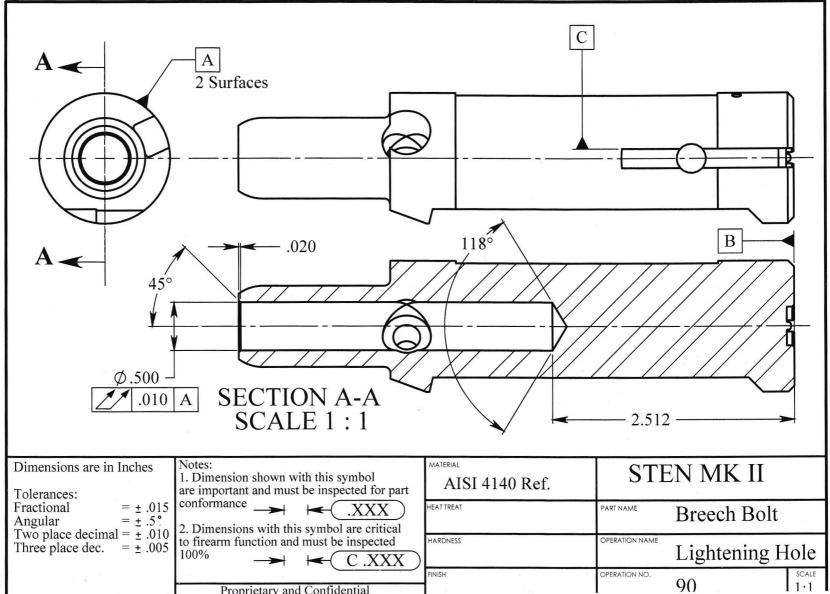


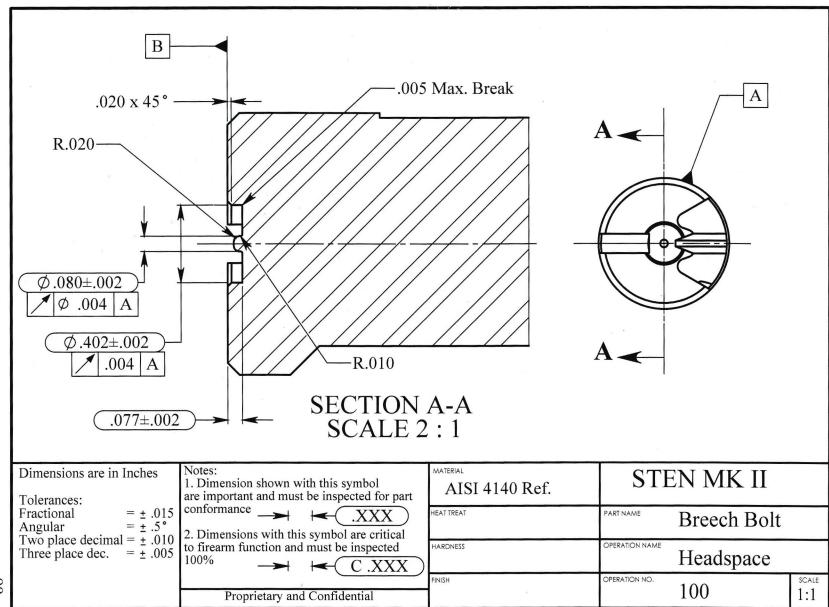


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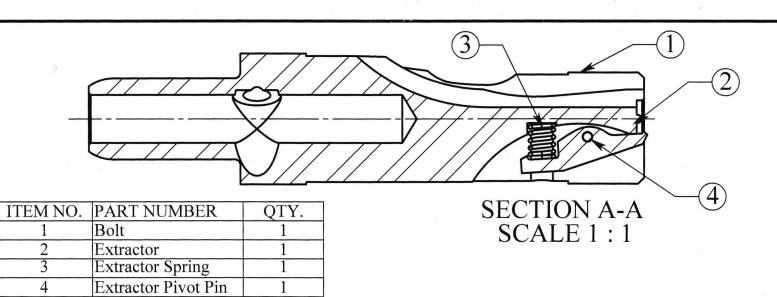
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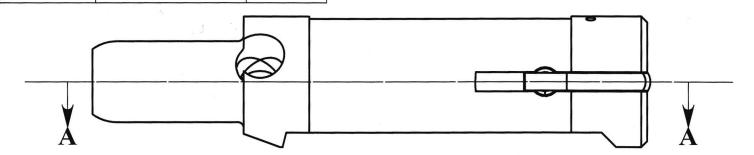
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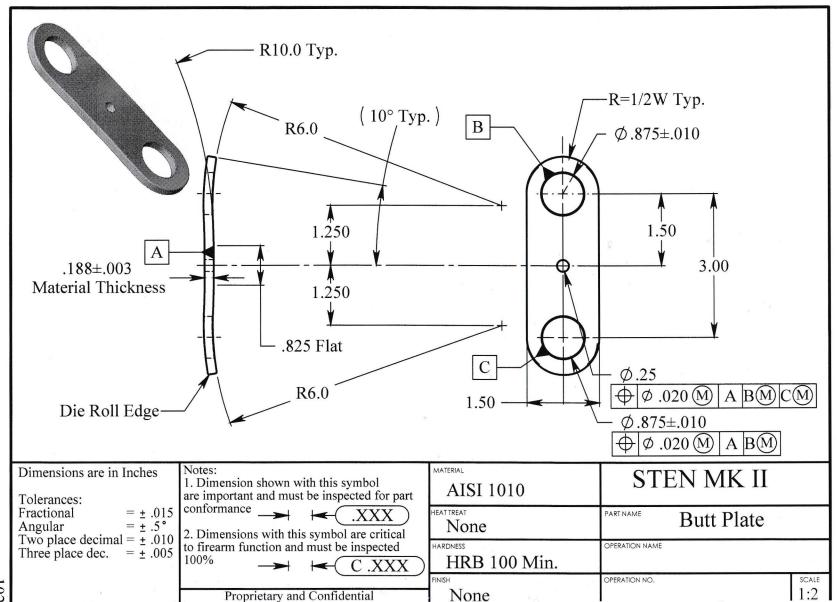
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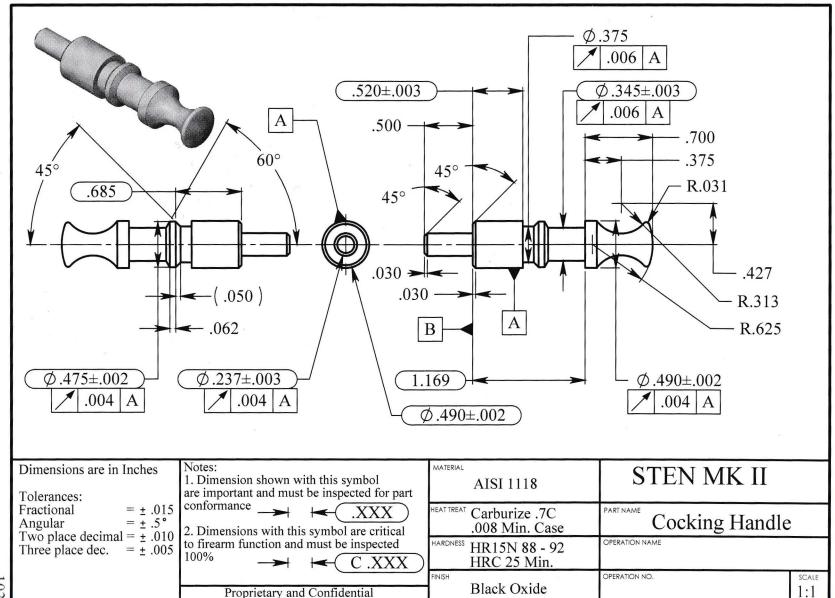
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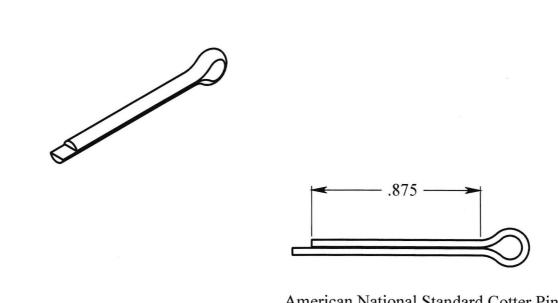




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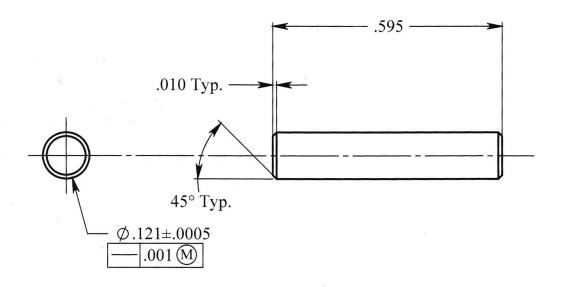




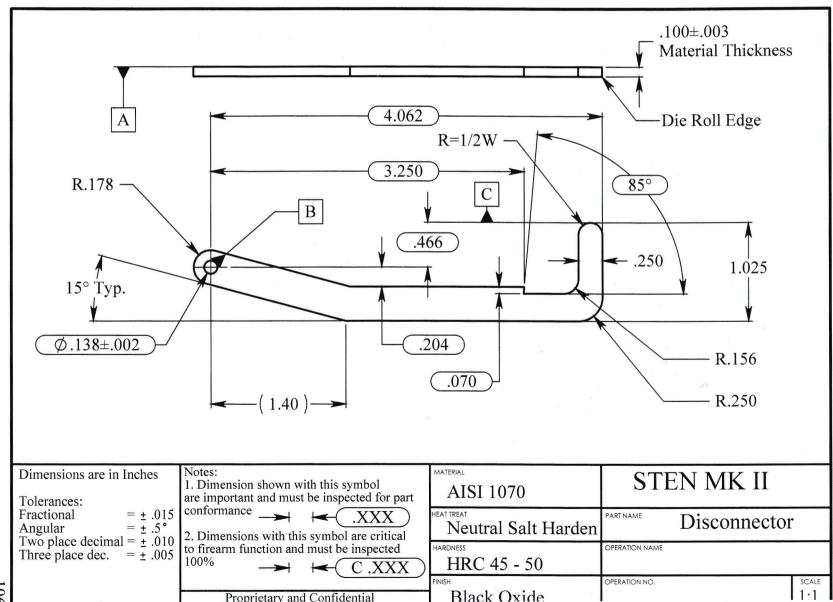


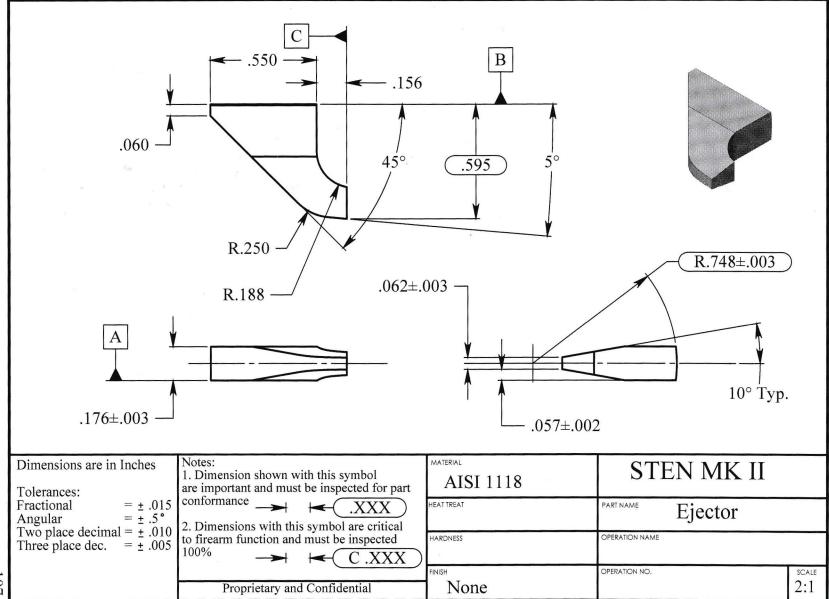
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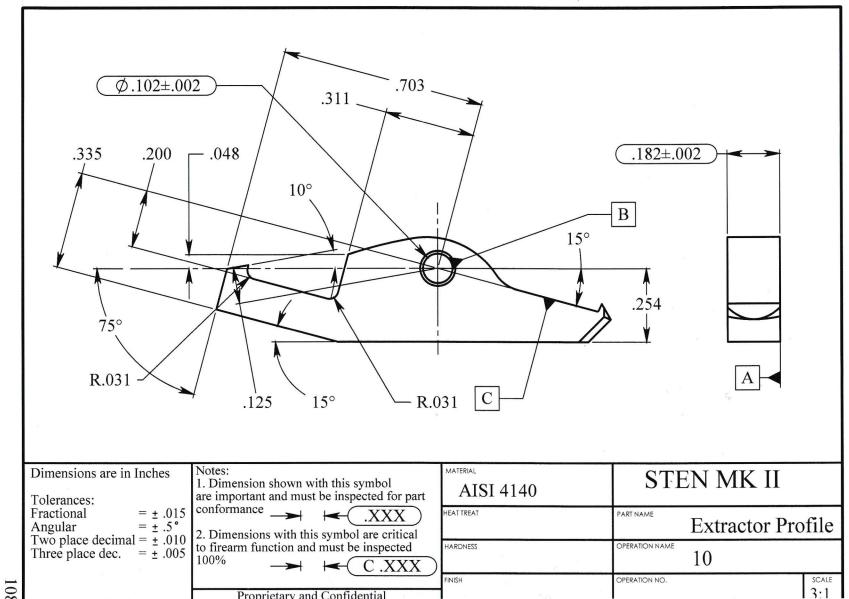
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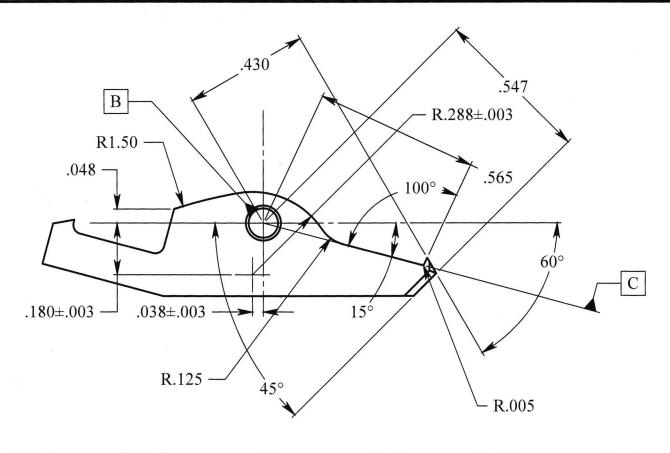


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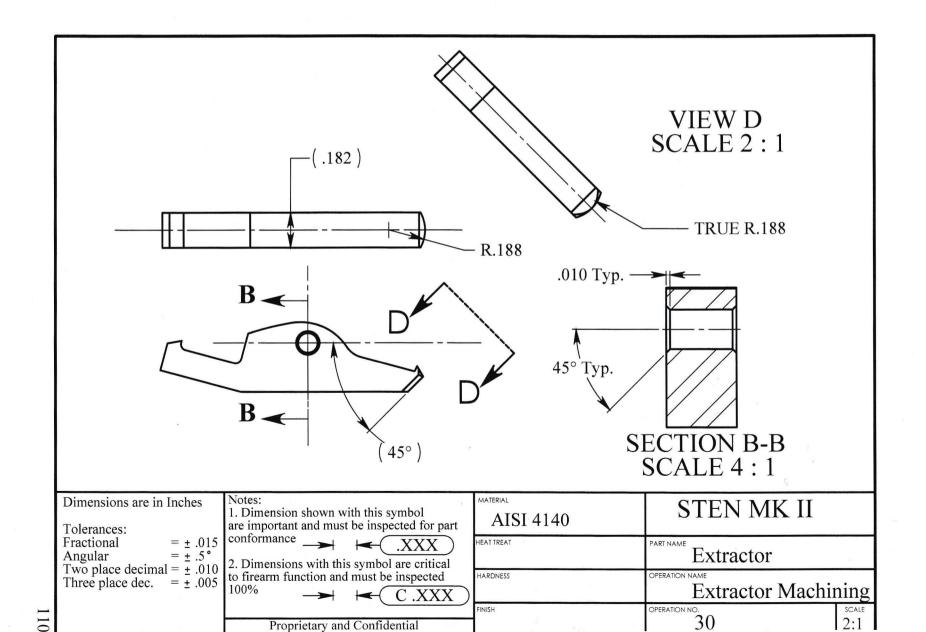


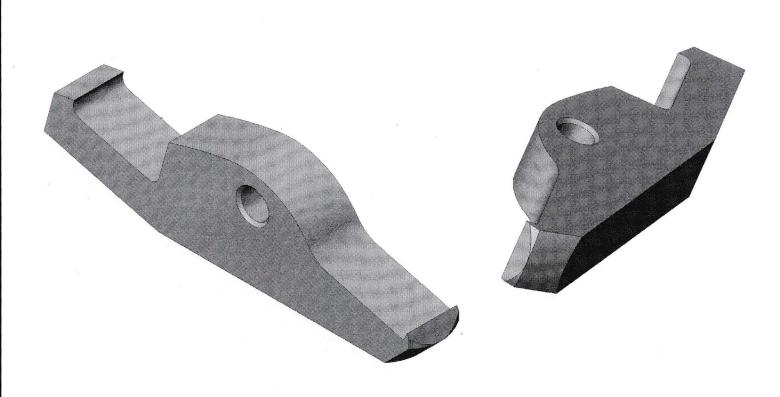




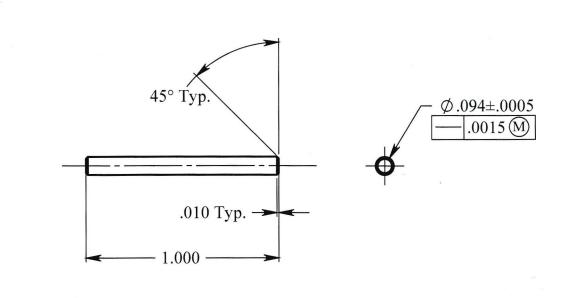


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	Tolerances:	1. Dimension shown with this symbol are important and must be inspected for part	AISI 4140	STEN MK II	
١				Extractor	
	Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected 100%	HRC 40 - 45	Finish and Heat T	reat
:		Proprietary and Confidential	Black Oxide	OPERATION NO. 40	SCALE 4:1



i Olcianecs.	Notes: 1. Dimension shown with this symbol are important and must be inspected for part	AISI 1095	STEN MK II	
Fractional $= \pm .015$		Neutral Salt Harden	Extractor Pivot F	Pin
Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected 100% — (C.XXX)	HRC 48-53	OPERATION NAME	
	Proprietary and Confidential	Rlack Oxide	OPERATION NO.	SCALE 2.1

Manufacturing Data:

Spring Type: Outside Diameter:

Helical Compression .280 inches

Wire Diameter:

Total Coils:

.039 5.5

Active Coils:

3.5 Closed, Not Ground

.472

Coil Type: Free Length: Wind Direction:

Either Hand

Inspection Data:

Load Length L1: Load P1:

.375 inches 6.5 +/-1.5 lbs.

Load Length L2: Load P2:

.265 inches

13.9 +/-. 1.8 lbs.

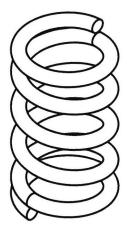
Max. Solid Height:

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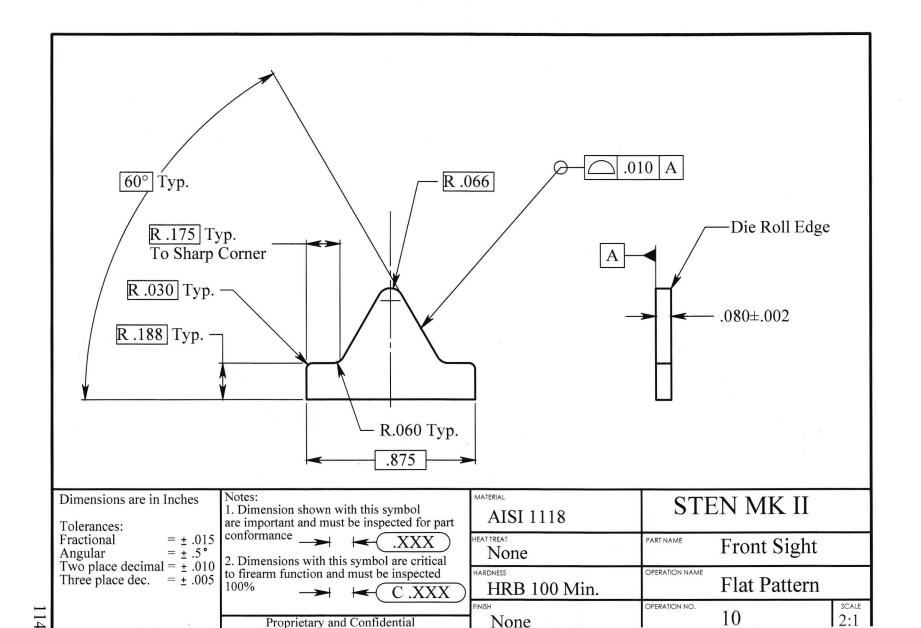
66.9 lbs/in.

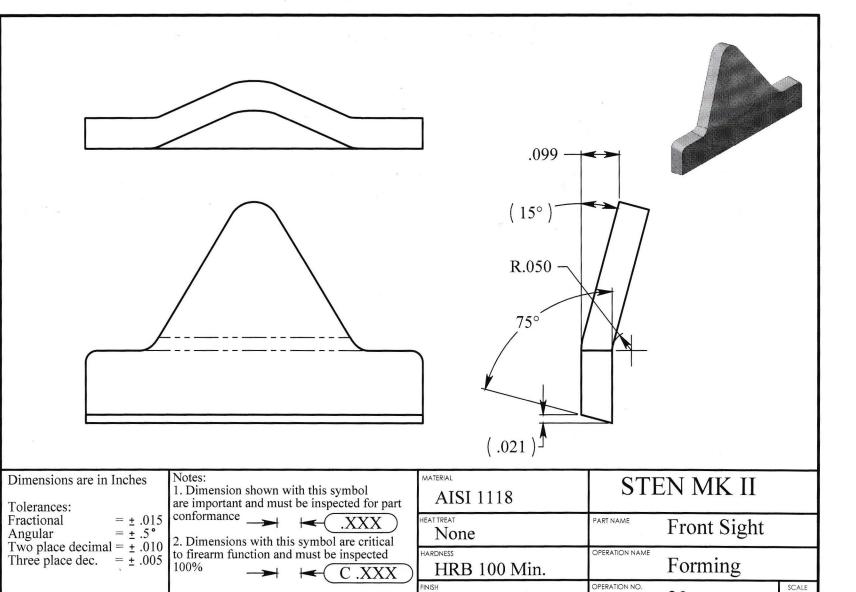
6.2 188,250 psi 59.2%

Engineering Data:
Spring Rate:
Spring Index:
Static Solid Stress:
Stress Percentage:
at Solid Height



	Tolciances.	Notes: 1. Dimension shown with this symbol are important and must be inspected for part	Music Wire (ASTM A228)	STEN MK II	
	Angular $= \pm .013$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected 100%	Stress Relieve	Extractor Spring OPERATION NAME	
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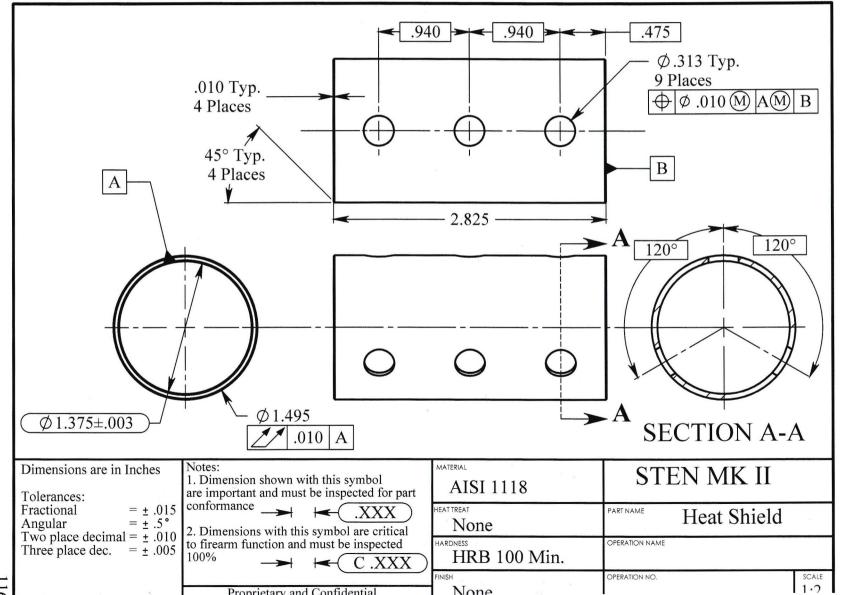


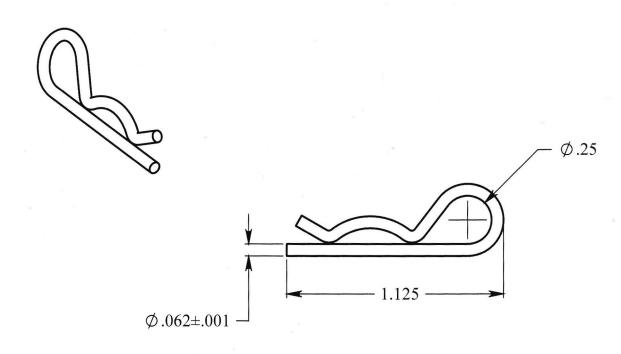
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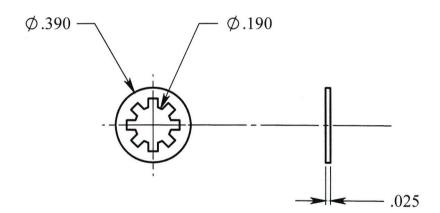




18-8 Stainless Steel Reusable Hitch/Cotter Pin

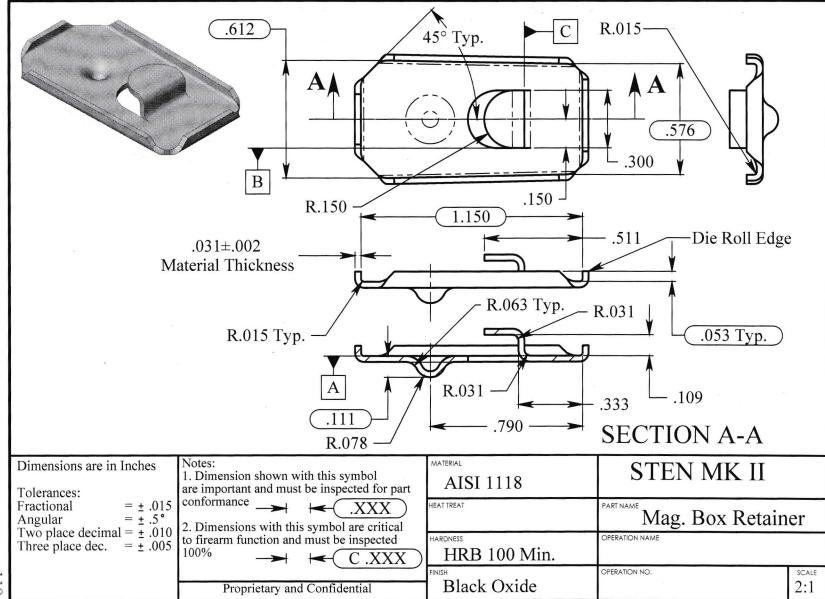
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		Vendor Spec.	PART NAME Hitch Pin	
Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected 100%	Vendor Spec.	OPERATION NAME	
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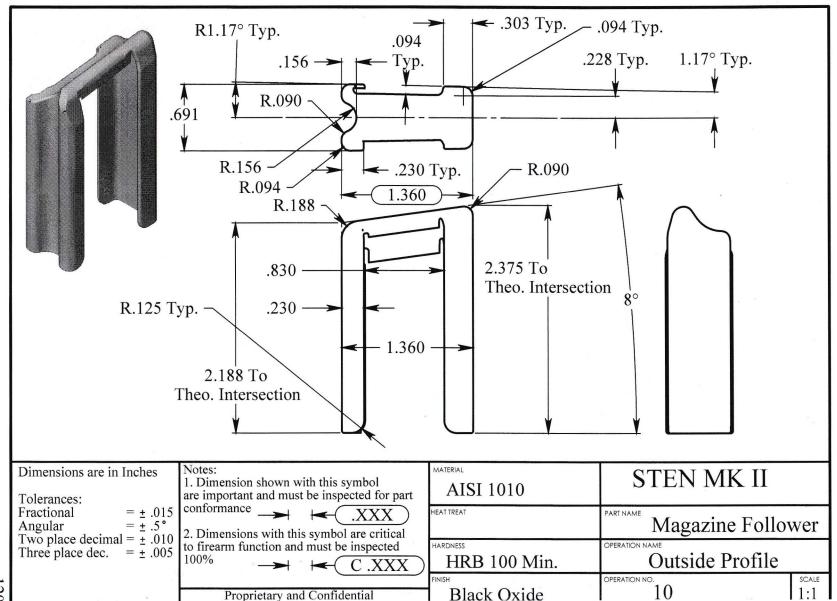


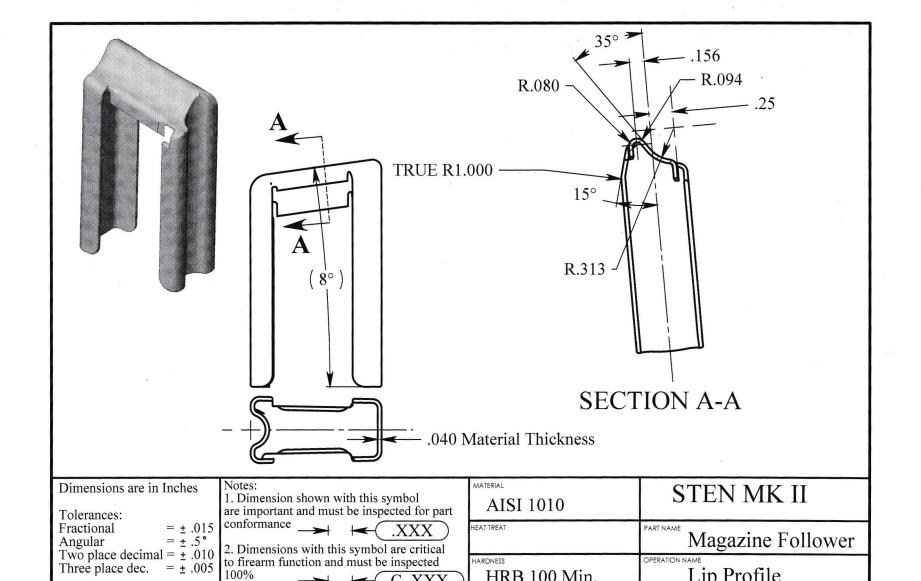


Internal Tooth Lock Washer For #10 Screw ANSI B18.21.I-1972

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Angular $= \pm .5^{\circ}$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical	Per ANSI Spec.	Lock Washer (3 Requir	ed)
Three place dec = $\pm .010$	to firearm function and must be inspected	HARDNESS	OPERATION NAME	
Timee place dec. 1.003	100% → ← C.XXX	Per ANSI Spec.		
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Black Oxide

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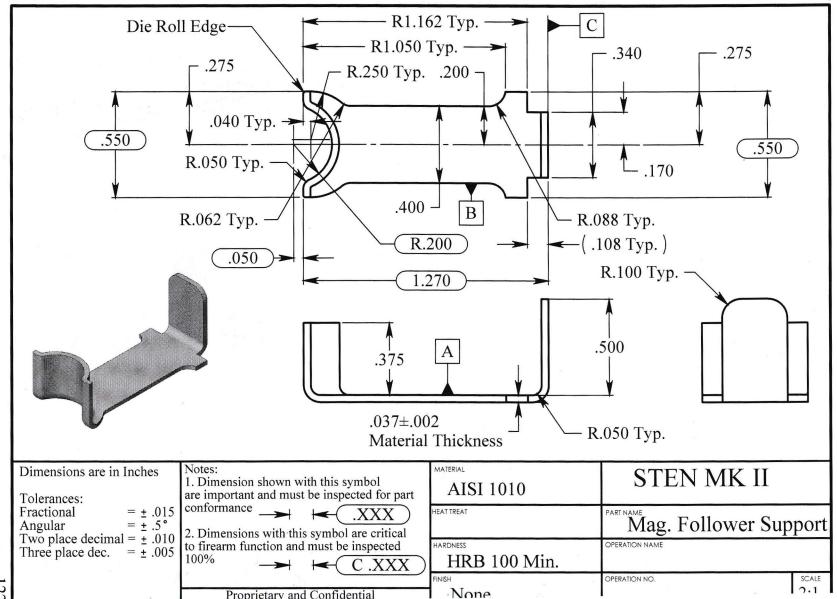
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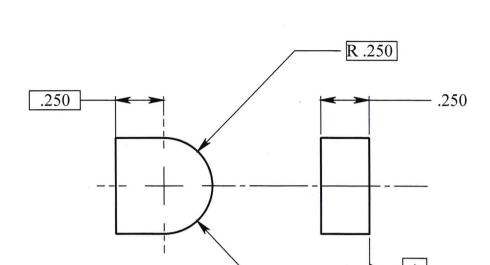
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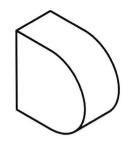
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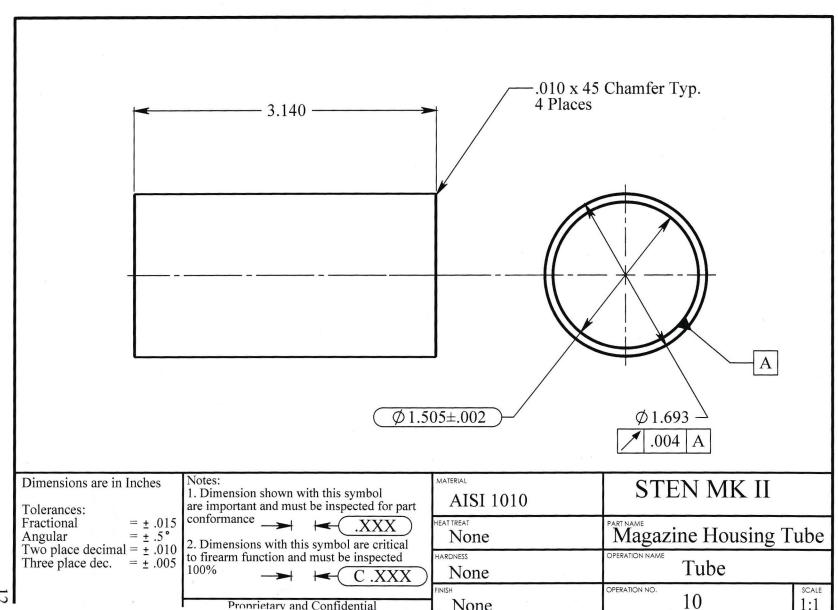
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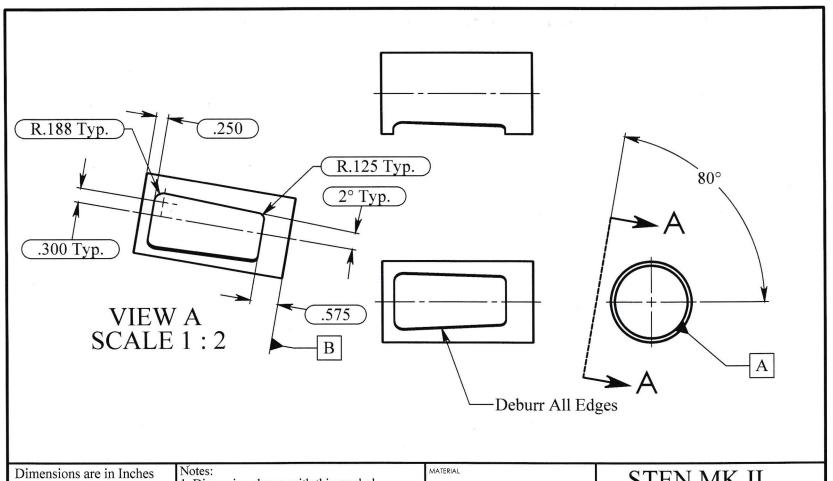




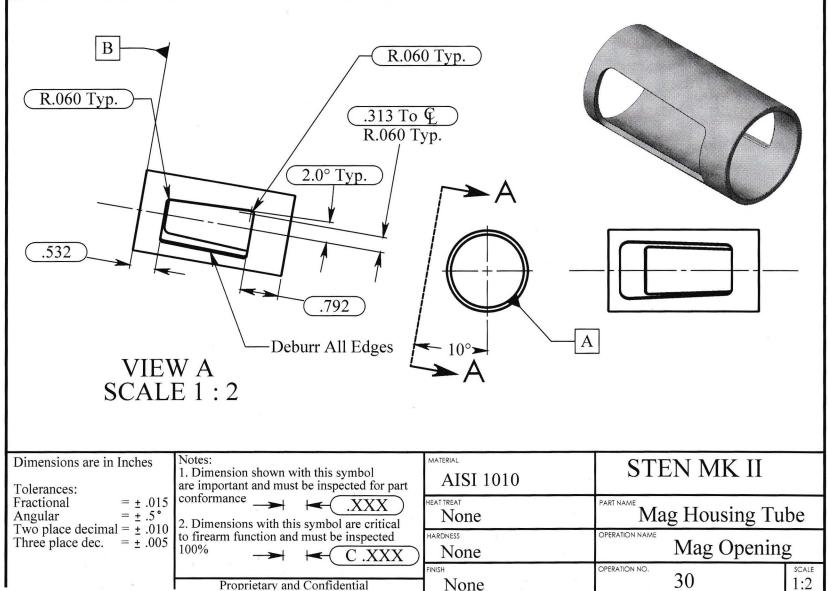


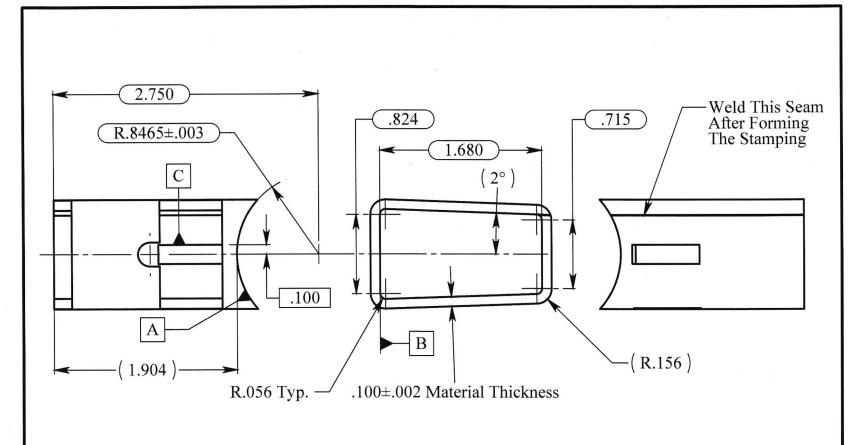
Tolerances:	Notes: 1. Dimension shown with this symbol are important and must be inspected for part	AISI 1010	STEN MK II
Angular $= \pm .5^{\circ}$	2 Dimensions with this symbol are critical	None	Mag. Latch Stud
Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	to firearm function and must be inspected 100% C.XXX	HRB 100 Min.	OPERATION NAME
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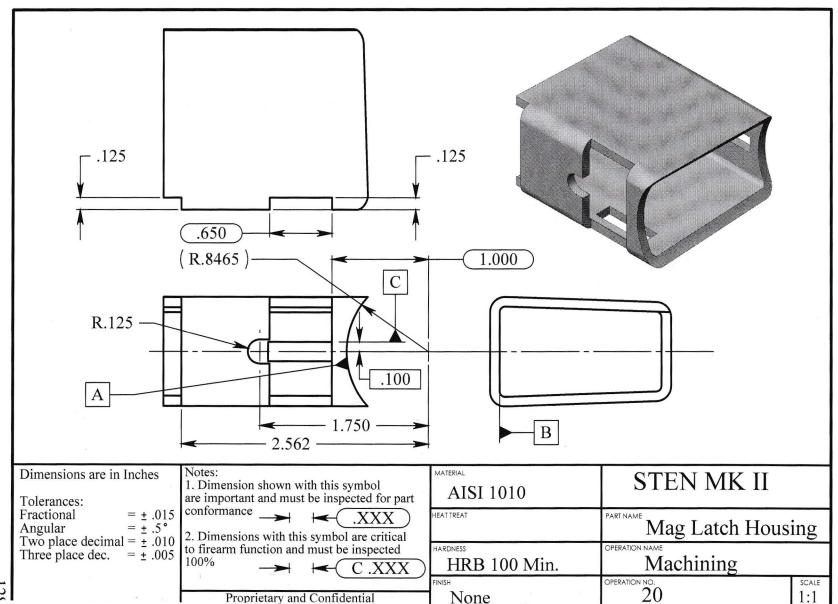


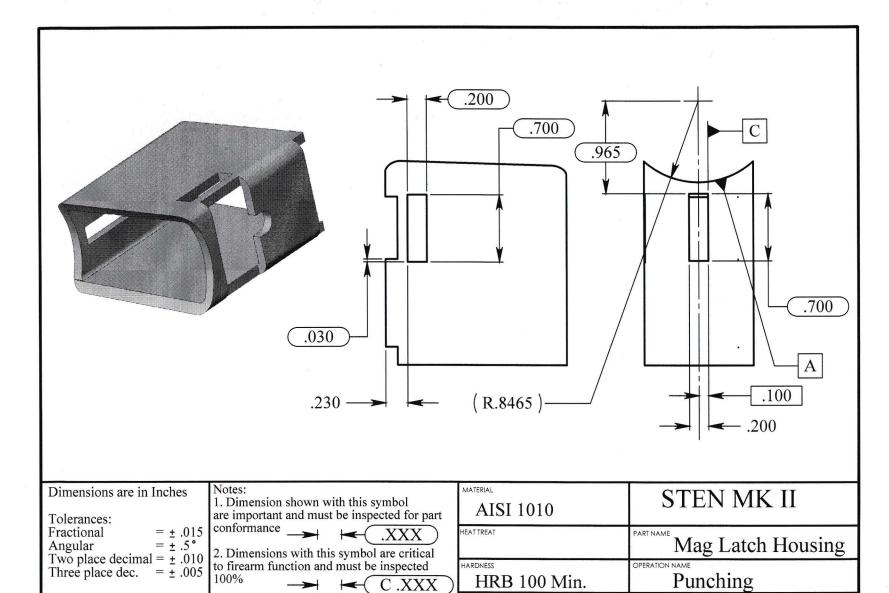
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Dimensions are in Inches Tolerances:	Notes: 1. Dimension shown with this symbol are important and must be inspected for part	AISI 1010	STEN MK II	
	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected	None	Mag. Housing Tul	be
Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	to firearm function and must be inspected 100% — (C.XXX)	hardness None	Ejection Port	
	Proprietary and Confidential	None None	OPERATION NO.	1:2





Dimensions are in Inches Tolerances:	Notes: 1. Dimension shown with this symbol are important and must be inspected for part	AISI 1010	STEN MK II
Fractional $= \pm .015$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical	HEAT TREAT	Mag Latch Housing
Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected 100%	HRB 100 Min.	Outside Profile
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Manufacturing Data:

Spring Type: Outside Diameter: Helical Compression

.375 inches

Wire Diameter: .044Total Coils: 6.0 Active Coils: 4.0

Closed and Ground

Coil Type: Free Length: Wind Direction: .625

Either Hand

Inspection Data:

Load Length L1: Load P1: .564 inches 2.25 +/-.75 lbs. .400 inches

Load Length L2: Load P2: 8.4 lbs +/-.85 lbs.

.275 inches Max. Solid Height:

Engineering Data:

37.1 lbs/in.

7.5

Spring Rate:
Spring Index:
Static Solid Stress: 158,800 psi 51.0%

Stress Percentage:

at Solid Height



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	Dimensions are in Inches Tolerances:	Notes: 1. Dimension shown with this symbol are important and must be inspected for part	Music Wire (ASTM A228)	STEN MK II	
	Fractional $= \pm .015$ Angular $= \pm .5^{\circ}$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical	Stress Relieve	Mag Latch Spring	
	Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected 100%	HARDNESS	OPERATION NAME	
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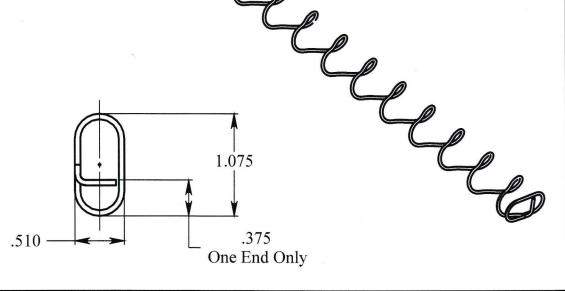
- 1. To work freely in a 1.100" x .535" rectangle 2. Load @ 8.50 = 5.8 Lbs +/- .6 lbs. 3. Solid Height Max.= 1.600" 4. Free Length Minimum = 12.375"

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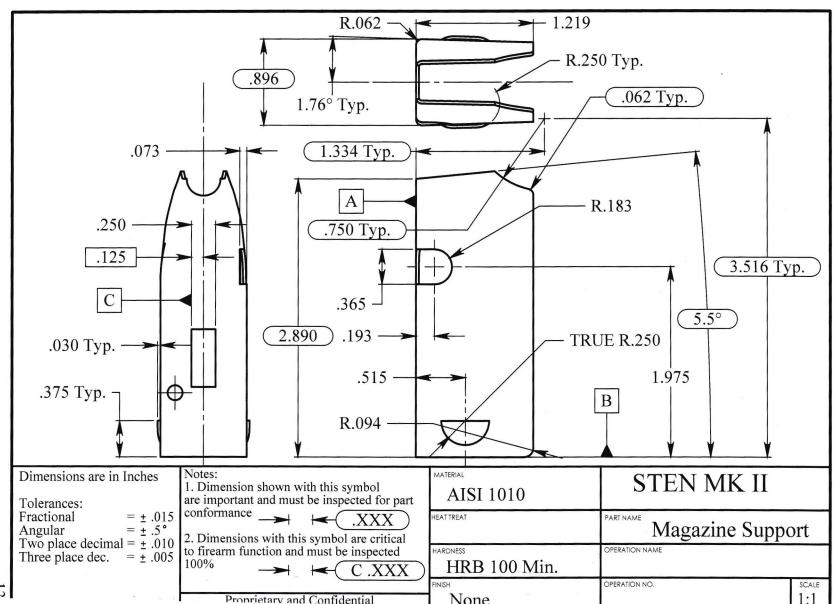
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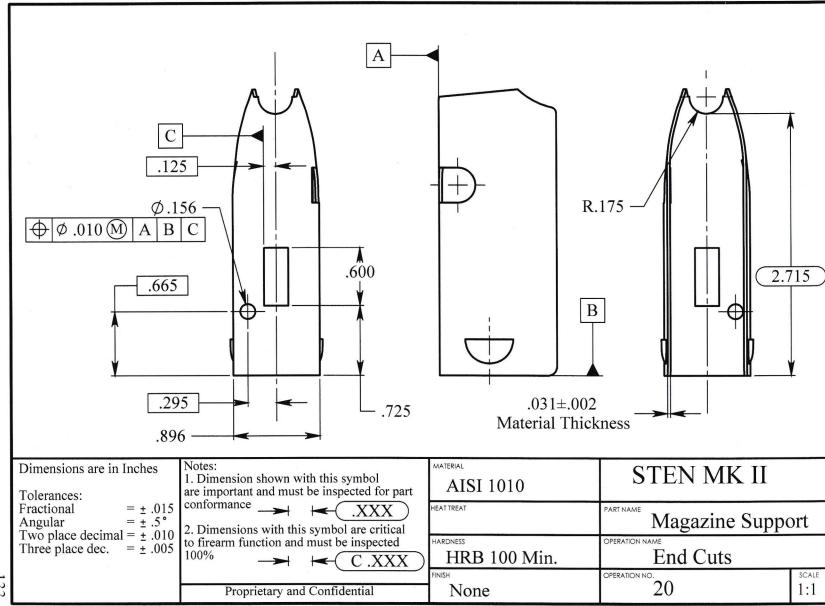
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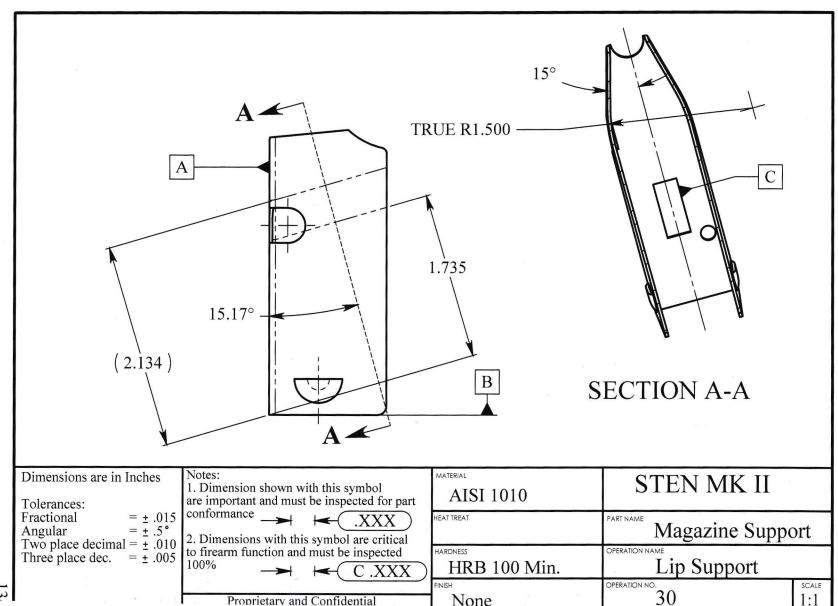
Ends = Squared, Not Ground Wire Diameter = .056" Wind = Right Hand

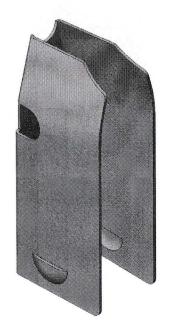


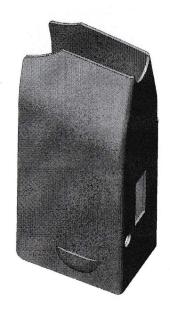
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١	Angular $= \pm .5^{\circ}$	2 Dimensions with this symbol are critical	Stress Relieve	Magazine Spring	, ,
	Three place dec. $= \pm .005$		HARDNESS	OPERATION NAME	
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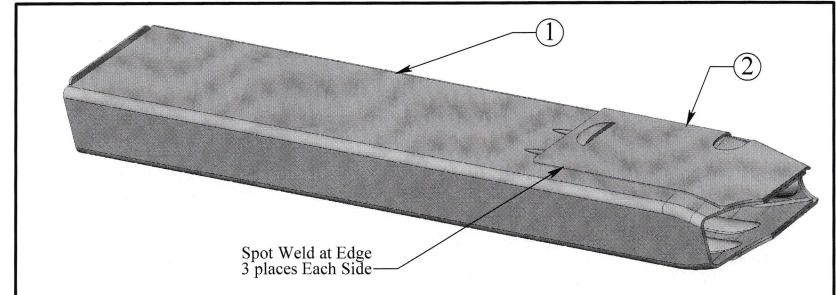






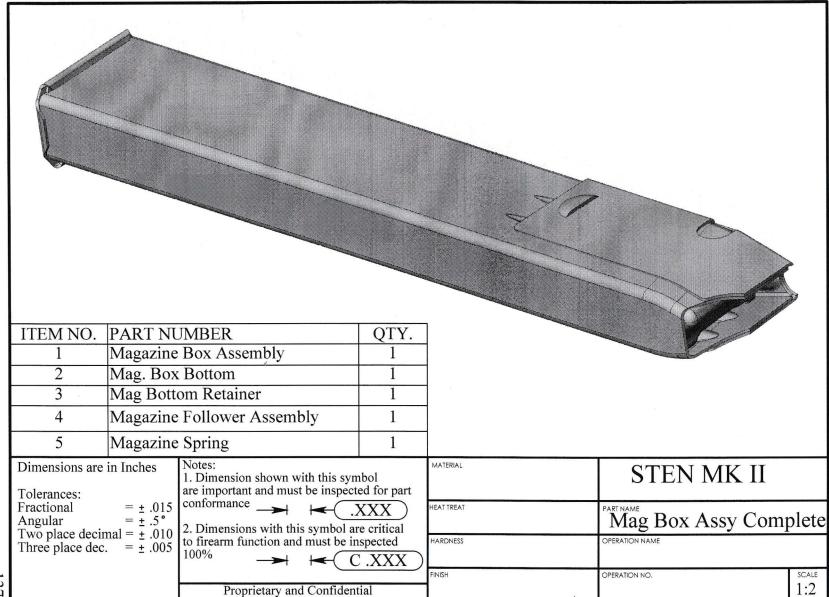


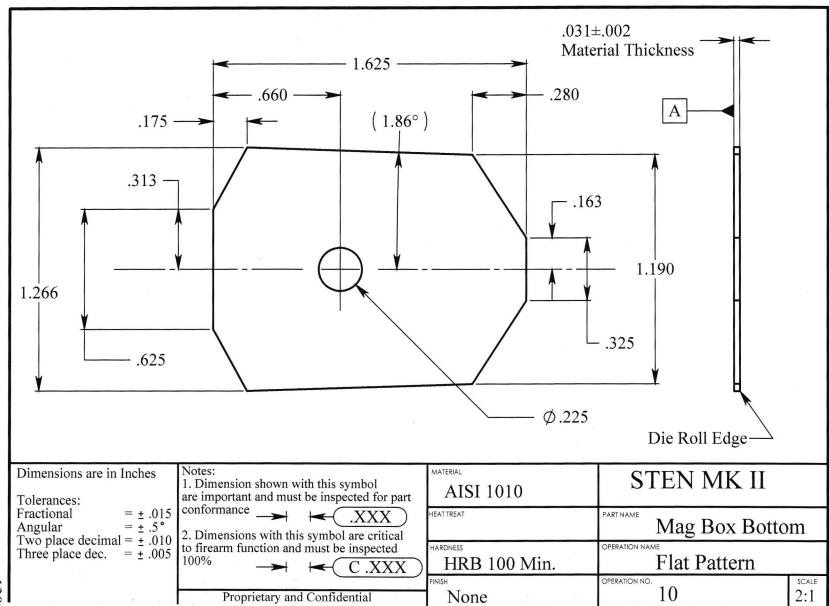
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	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical	HEATTREAT	Magazine Suppo	ort
Three place dec. $= \pm .005$		HRB 100 Min.	OPERATION NAME	
	Proprietary and Confidential	None None	OPERATION NO.	SCALE 1:1
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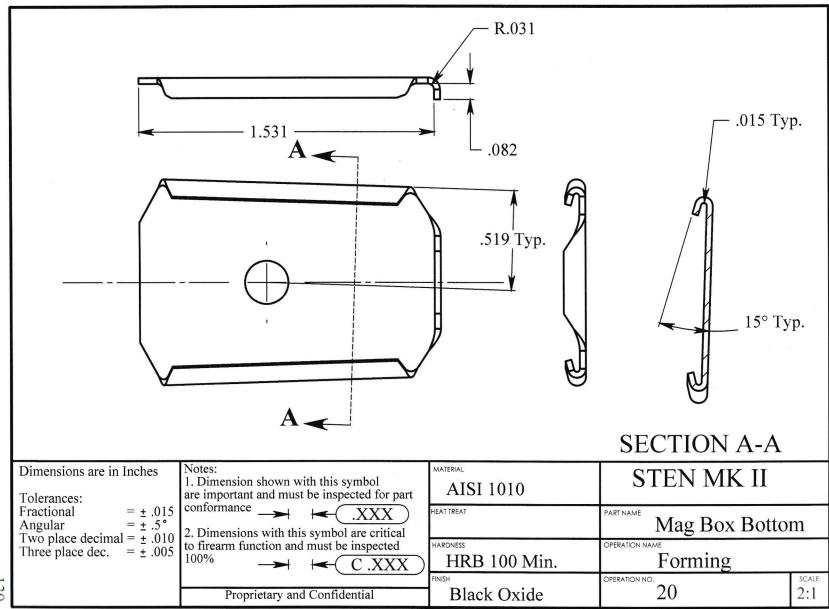


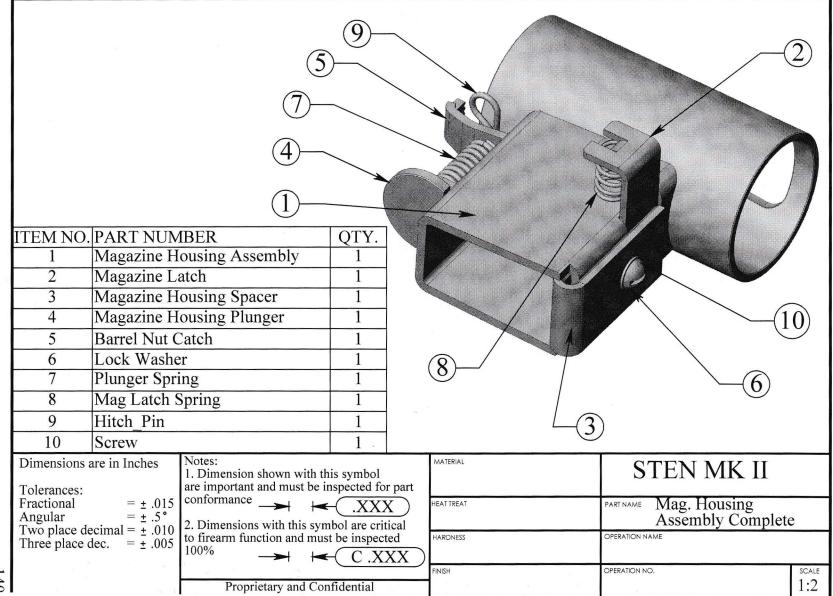
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1	Magazine Box	1
2	Mag Support	1

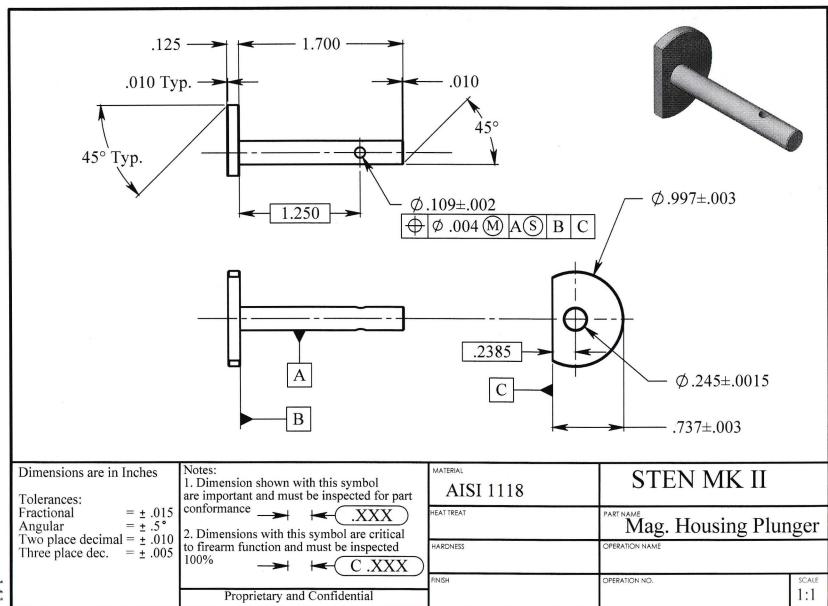
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	Fractional $= \pm .015$ Angular $= \pm .5^{\circ}$ Two place decimal $= \pm .010$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical	HEAT TREAT	Magazine Box Assen	nbly
,	Angular = ± .5° Two place decimal = ± .010 Three place dec. = ± .005 2. Dimensions with this sy to firearm function and m 100%	to firearm function and must be inspected 100%	HARDNESS	OPERATION NAME	
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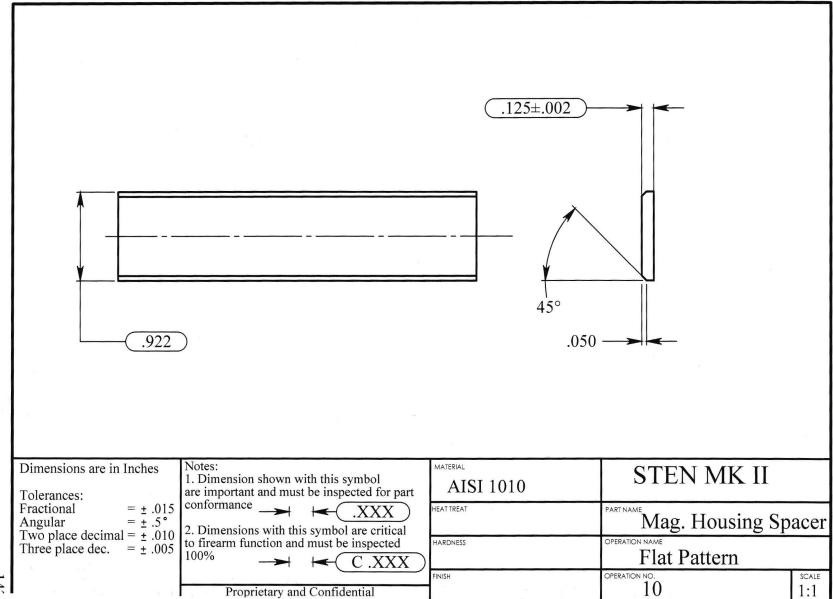


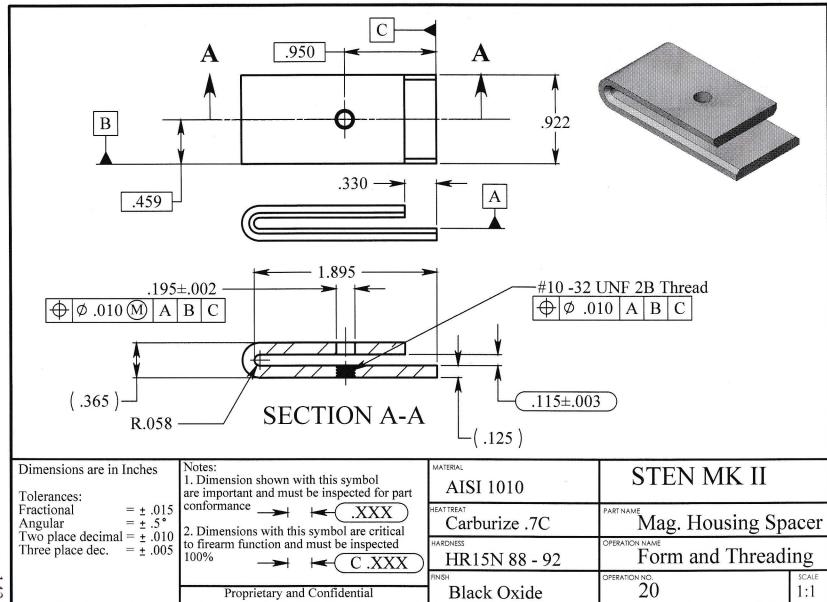


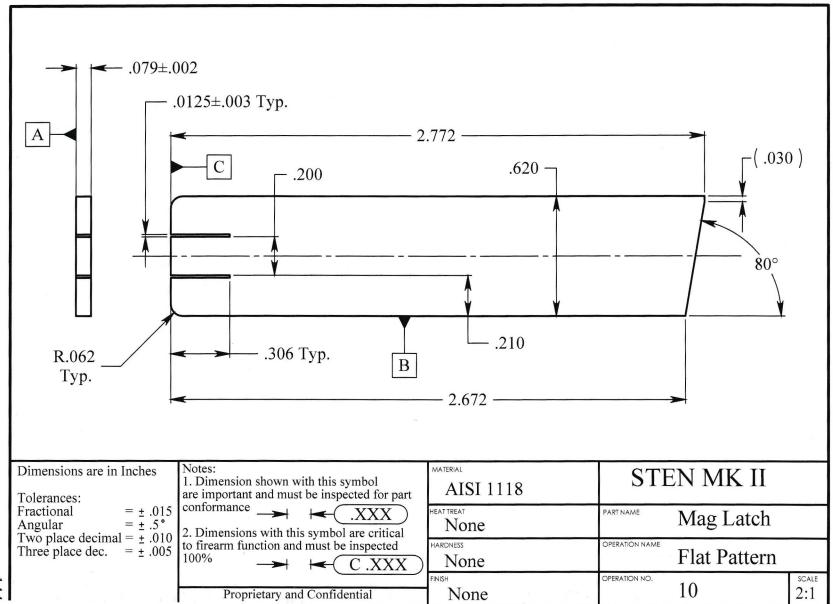


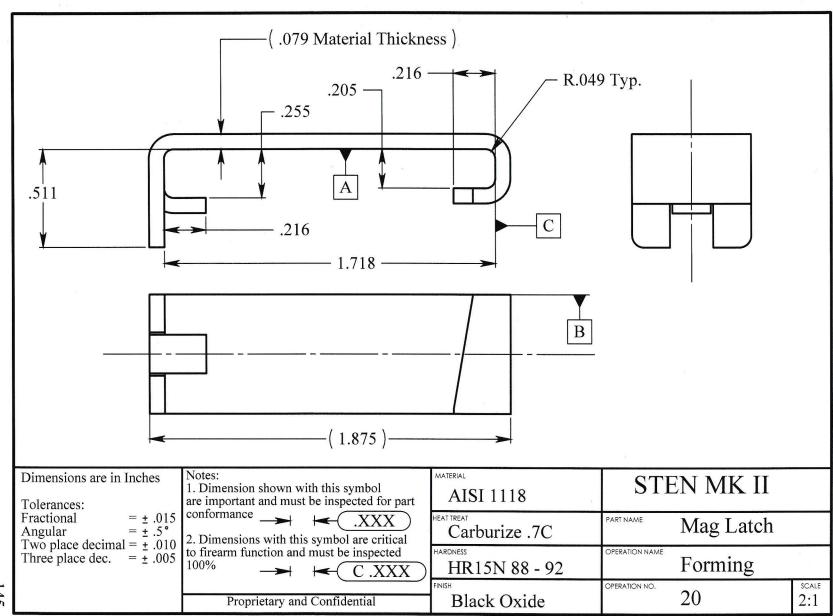


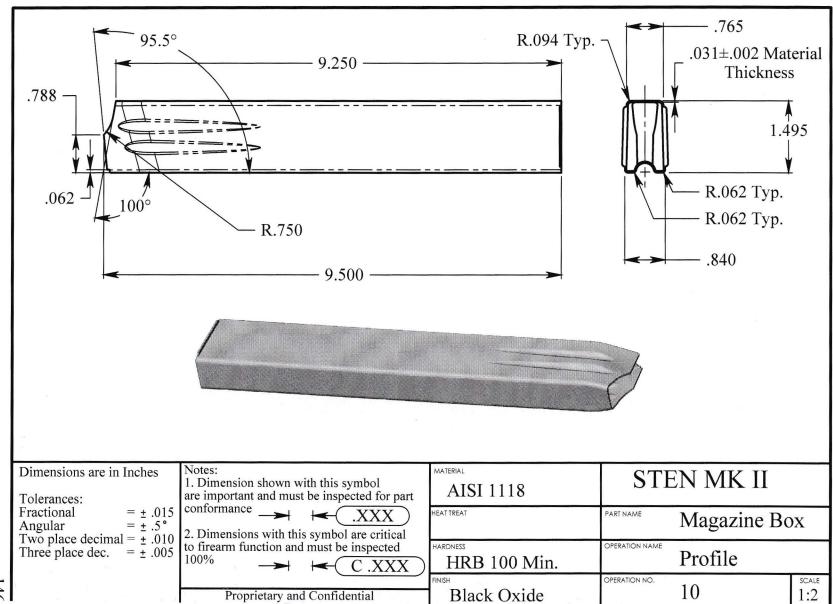


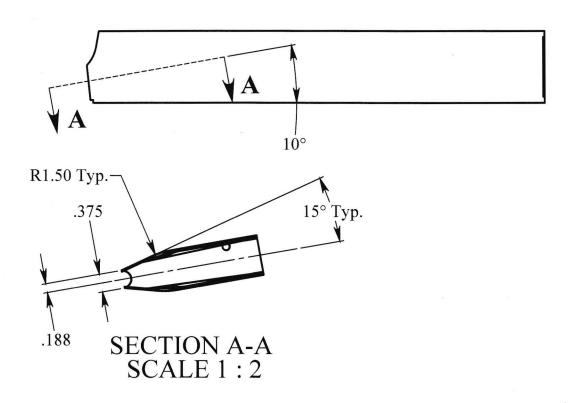




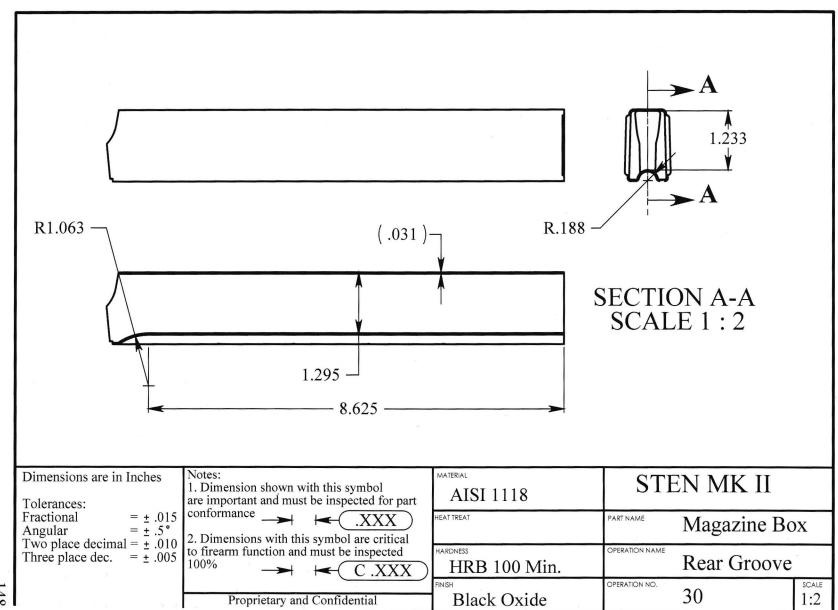


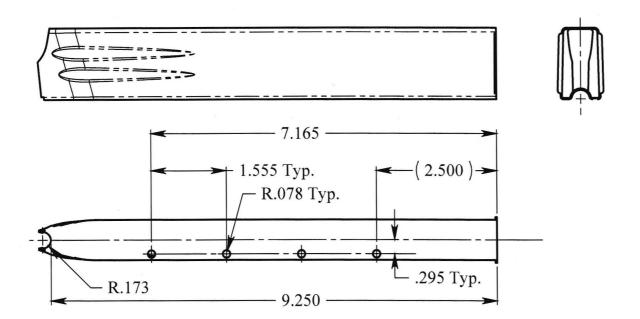




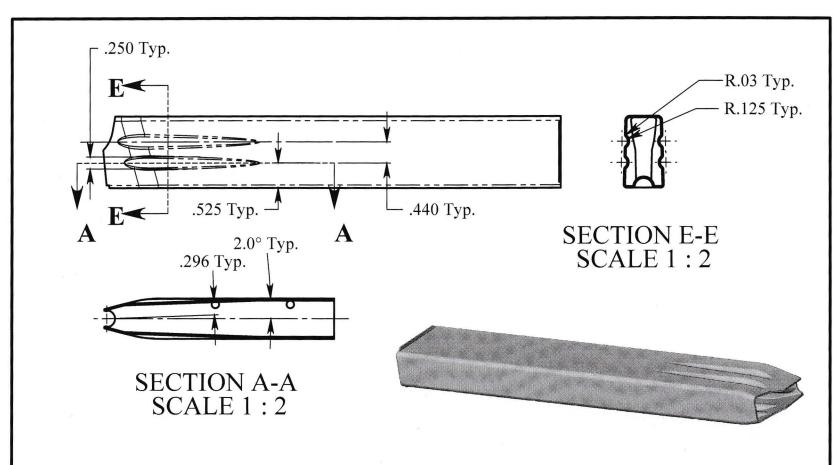


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Fractional $= \pm .015$ Angular $= \pm .5^{\circ}$ Two place decimal $= \pm .010$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected 100%	HEAT TREAT	PART NAME Magazine Box
Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	to firearm function and must be inspected 100% — (C.XXX)	HRB 100 Min.	COPERATION NAME Lip Profile
	Proprietary and Confidential	Black Oxide	OPERATION NO. 20 SCALE 1:2



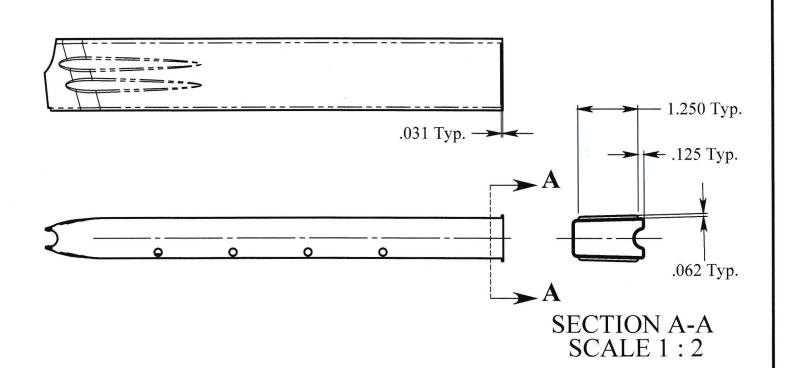


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Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected 100%	HRB 100 Min.	Rear View
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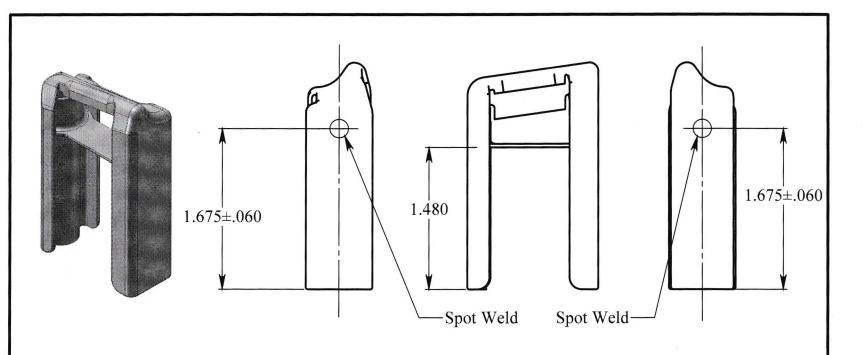


Notes: MATERIAL Dimensions are in Inches STEN MK II 1. Dimension shown with this symbol are important and must be inspected for part **AISI 1118** conformance -Fractional = \pm .015 Angular = \pm .5° Two place decimal = \pm .010 Three place dec. = \pm .005 HEAT TREAT PART NAME Magazine Box 2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected OPERATION NAME Ribs 100% HRB 100 Min. C .XXX OPERATION NO. SCALE 50 1:2 Black Oxide Proprietary and Confidential

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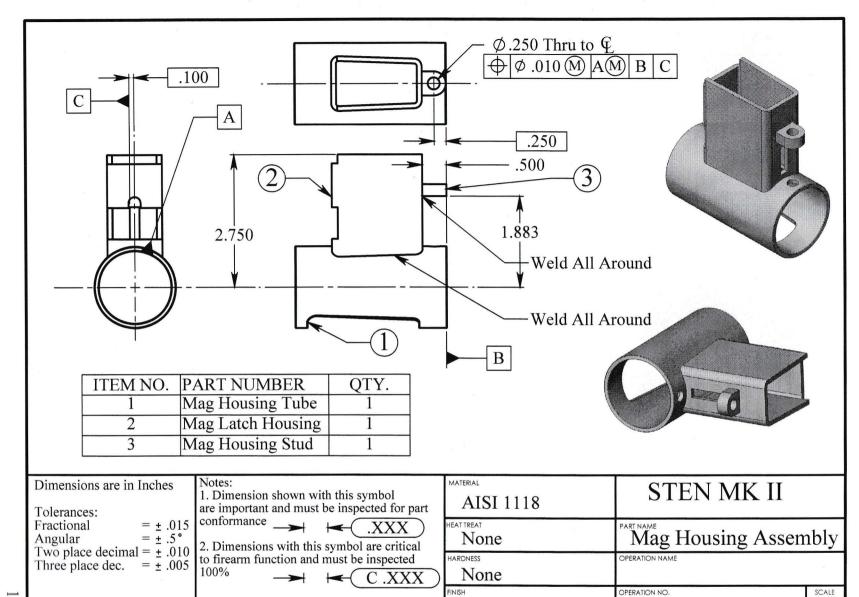


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Angular $= \pm .5^{\circ}$		HEAT TREAT	Magazine Box
Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected 100%	HRB 100 Min.	Bottom Flange
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ITEM NO.	PART NUMBER	QTY.
1	Mag Follower	1
2	Mag Follower Support	1

	Dimensions are in Inches Tolerances:	Notes: 1. Dimension shown with this symbol are important and must be inspected for part	MATERIAL	STEN MK II	
	Fractional $= \pm .015$		HEATTREAT	Mag Follower Asser	nbly
	Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected 100%	HARDNESS	OPERATION NAME	
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None

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Manufacturing Data:

Spring Type: Helical Compression

.394 inches Outside Diameter:

Wire Diameter: .056 **Total Coils:** 10.5 8.5 Active Coils:

Closed and Ground Coil Type:

Free Length: 1.062

Wind Direction: Either Hand

Inspection Data:

Load Length L1: .824 inches Load P1: 10.25 + /-1.5 lbs.

Load Length L2: .750 inches

13.4 lbs +/-1.6 lbs. Load P2:

Max. Solid Height: .625 inches Spring works over: .25 diameter rod

Engineering Data:

43.1 lbs/in. Spring Rate:

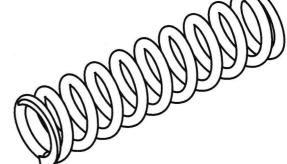
Spring Index: 6.0

Static Solid Stress: 125,200 psi 41.8%

Stress Percentage:

at Solid Height

Music Wire (ASTM A228)



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Tolerances:

Fractional $= \pm .015$

 $=\pm .5^{\circ}$ Angular Two place decimal = $\pm .010$

Three place dec. $= \pm .005$

Notes:

1. Dimension shown with this symbol are important and must be inspected for part conformance .XXX

2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and 100%

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Plunger Spring Stress Relieve OPERATION NAME HARDNESS

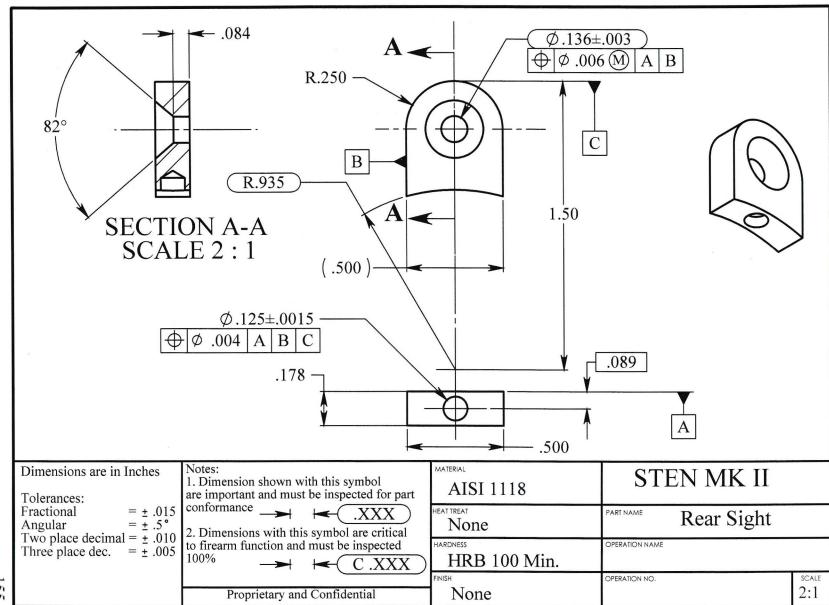
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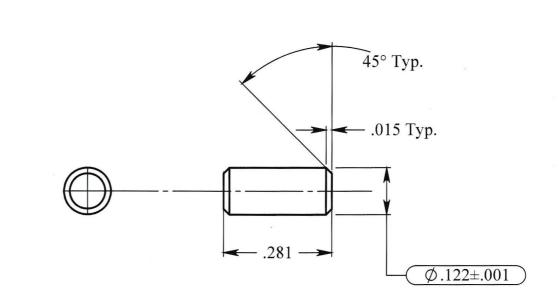
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STEN MK II

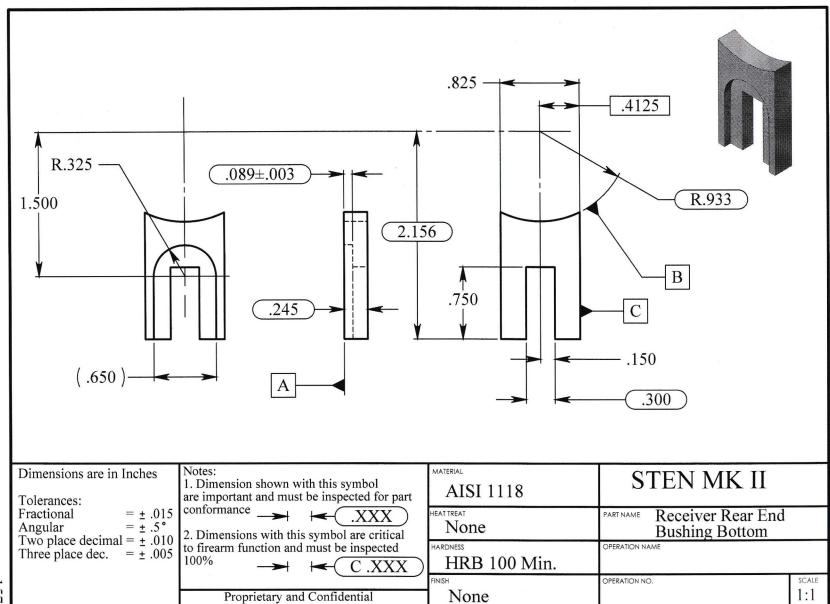
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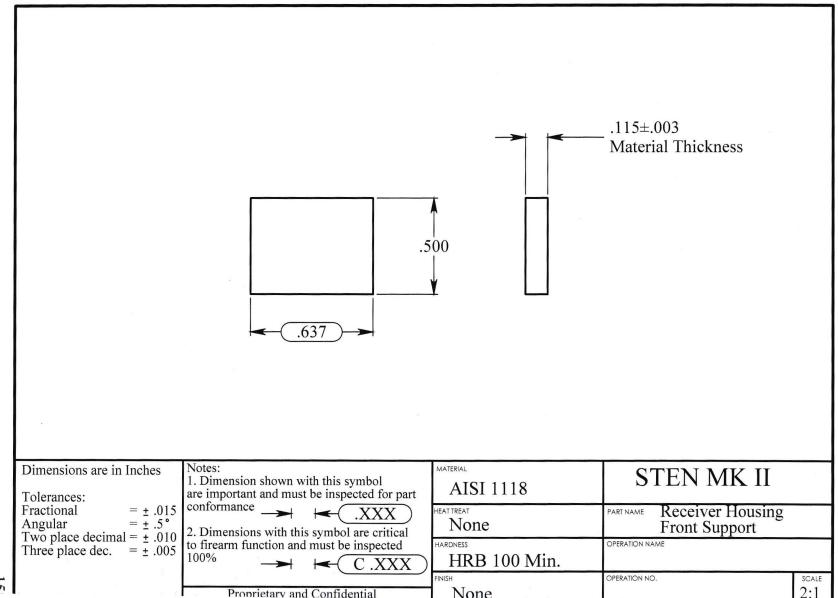
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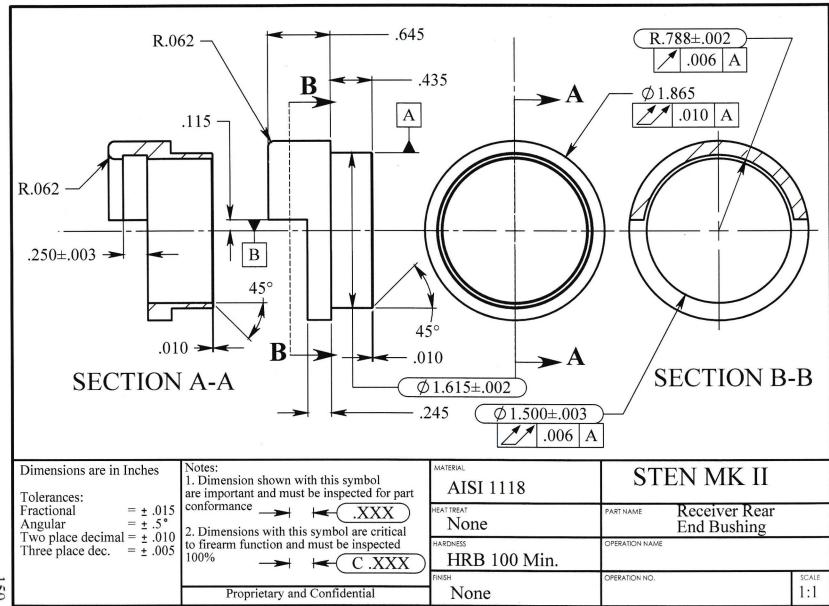


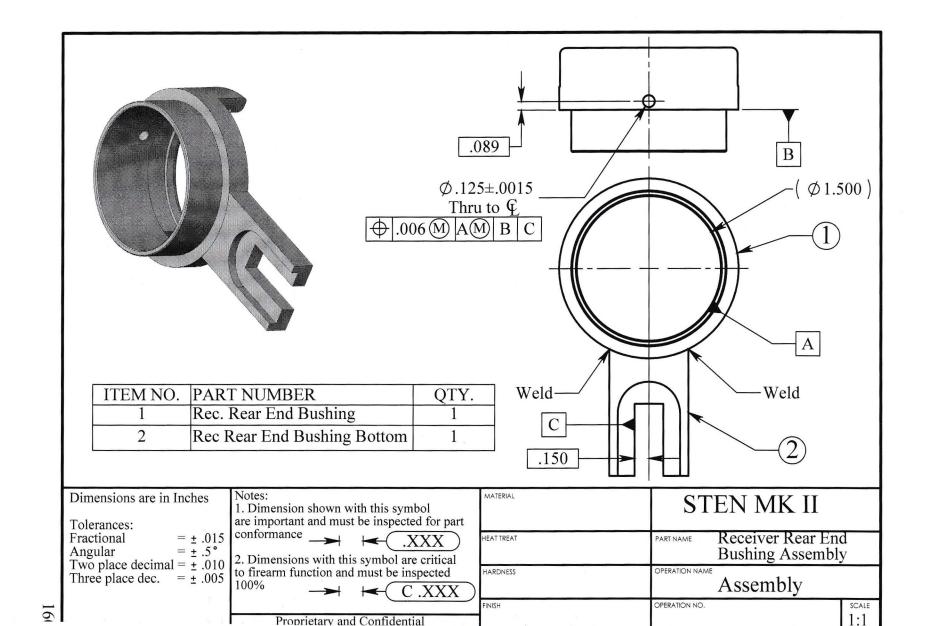


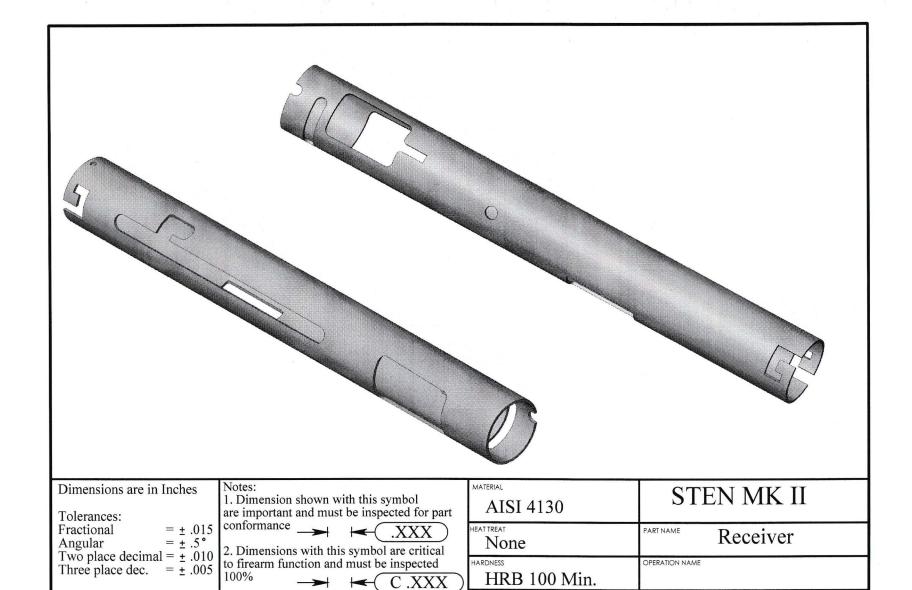
Dimensions are in Inches	Notes: 1. Dimension shown with this symbol	MATERIAL A TOTAL 1 0007	STEN MK II	
Tolerances:	are important and must be inspected for part	AISI 1095		
Fractional $= \pm .015$ Angular $= \pm .5^{\circ}$ Two place decimal $= \pm .010$ Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical	HEAT TREAT None	Rear Sight Loc P	in
		hardness None	OPERATION NAME	
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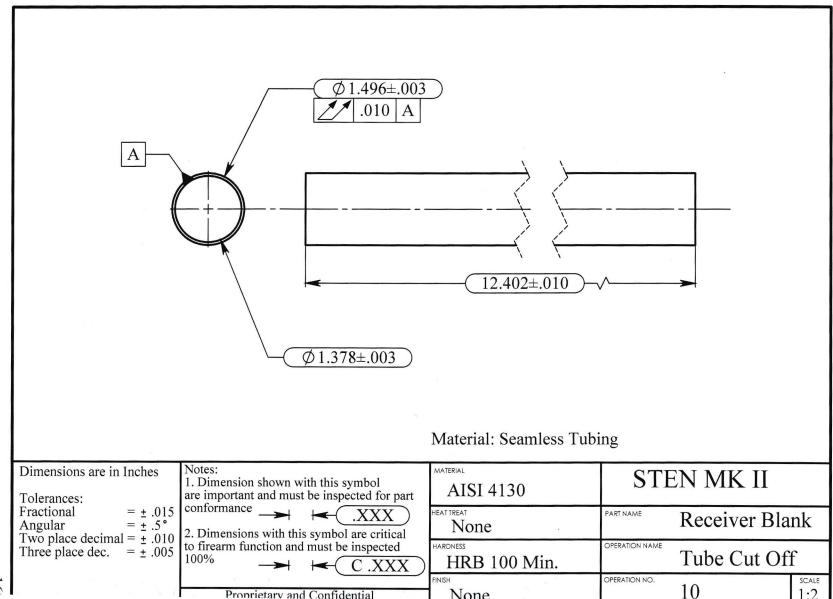
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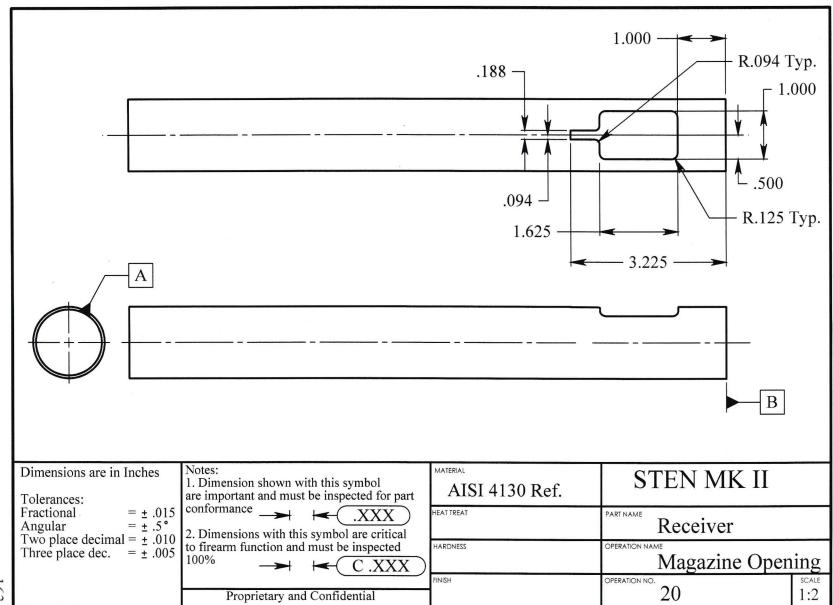
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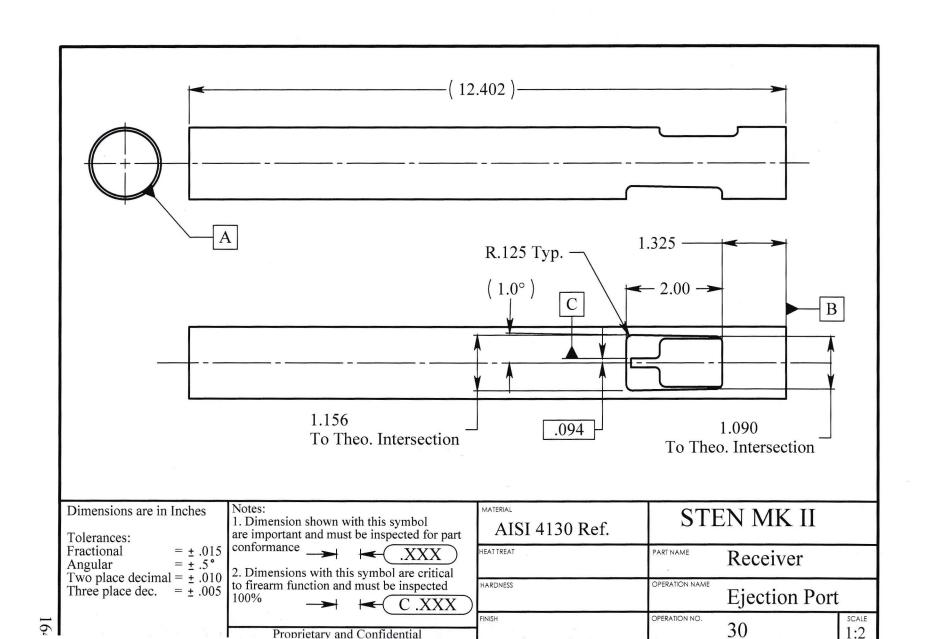
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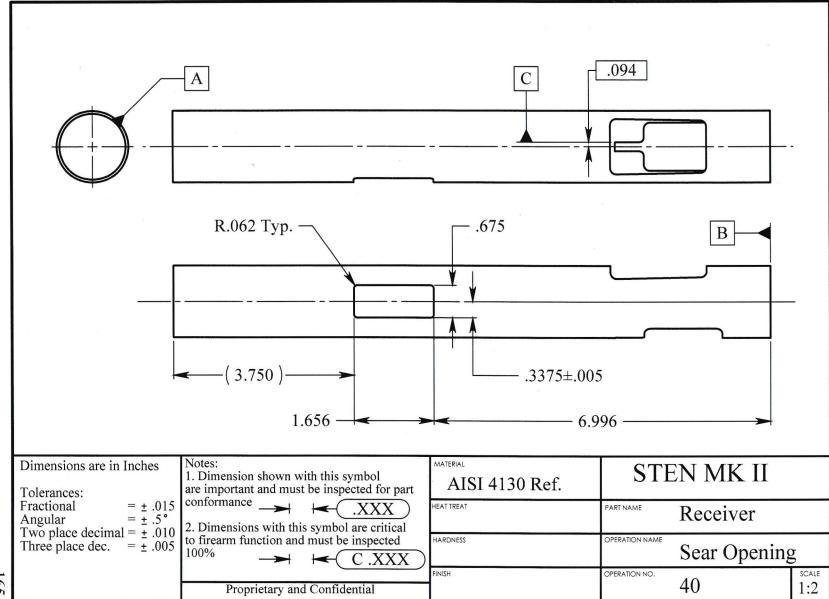
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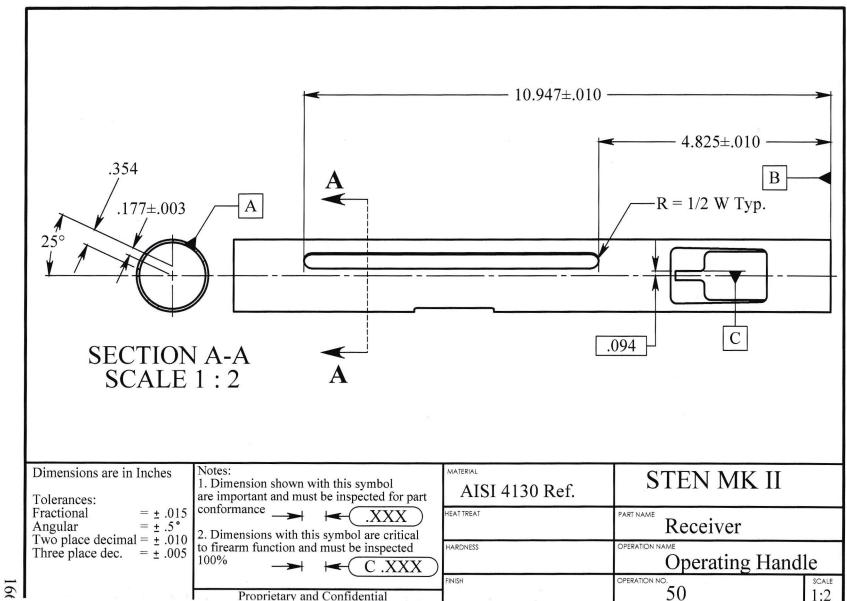
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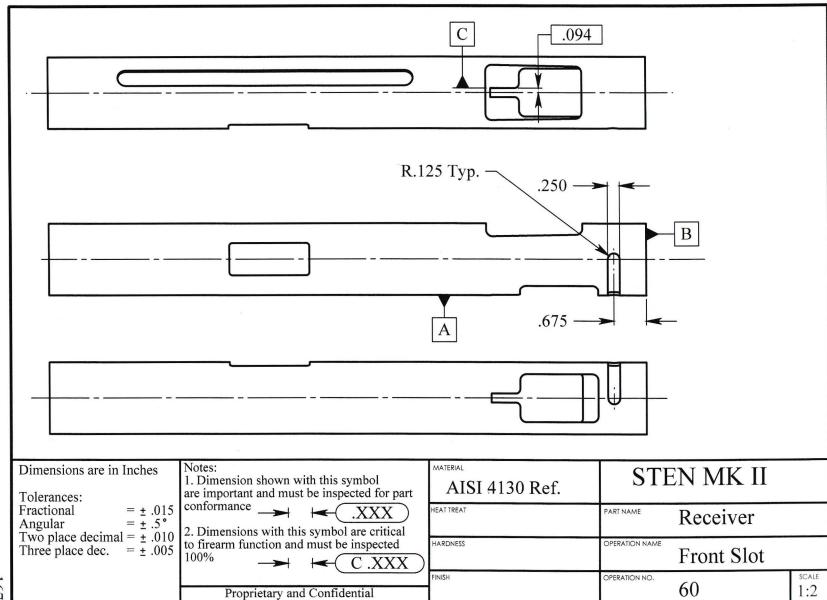


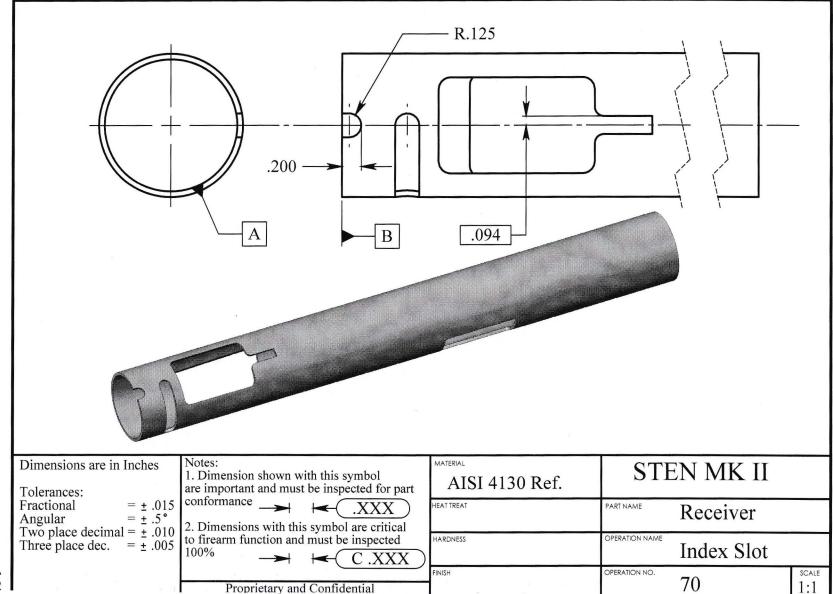


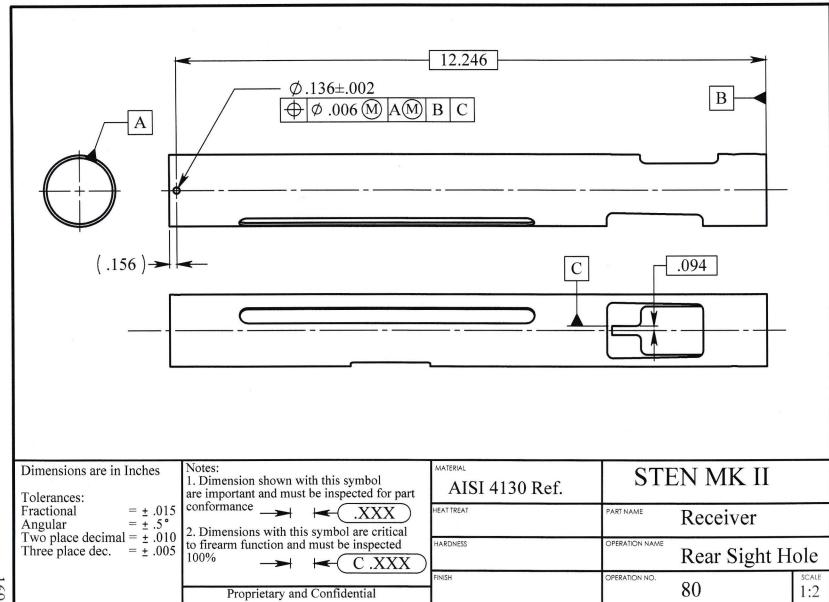


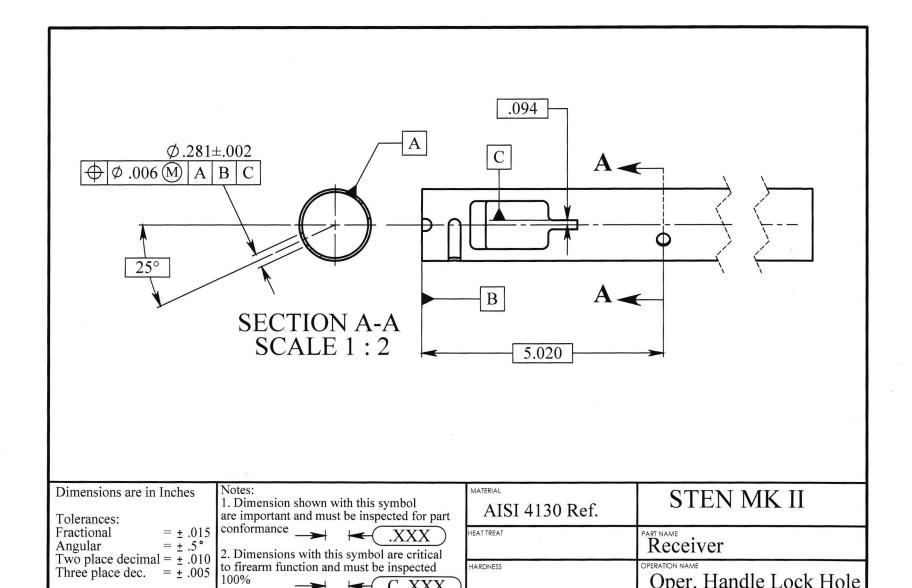












HEAT TREAT

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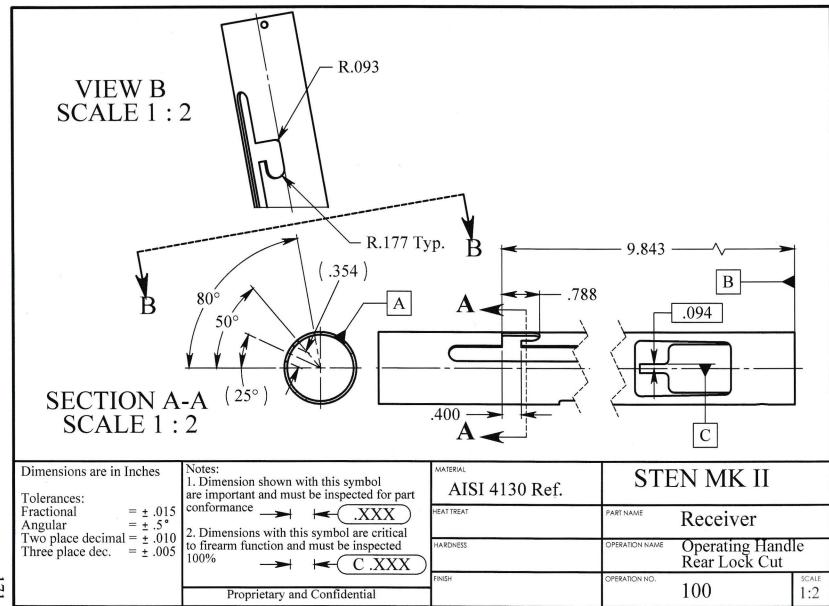
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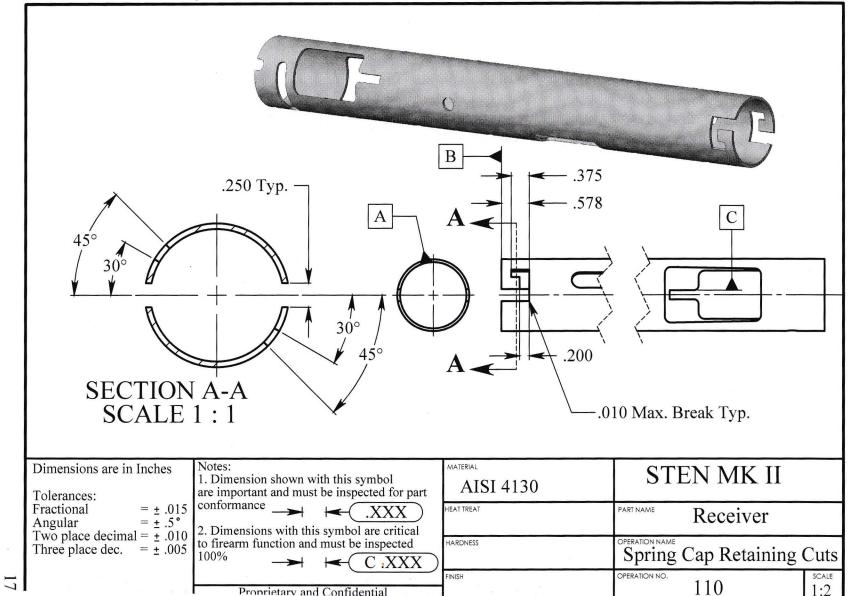
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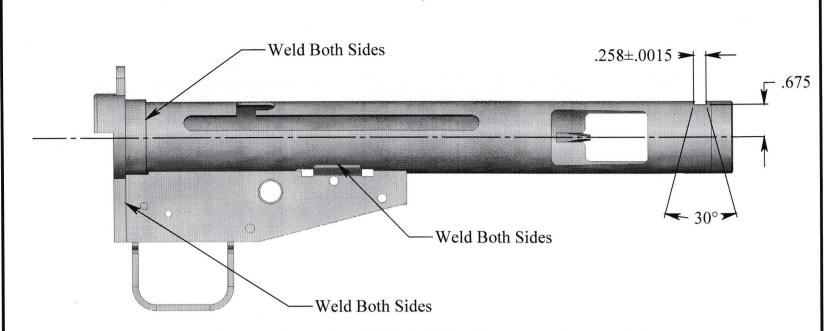
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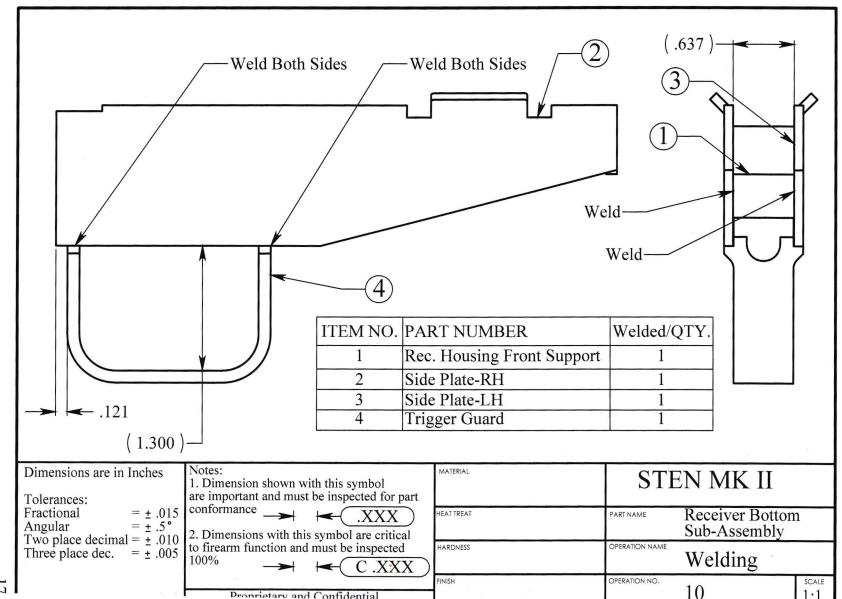


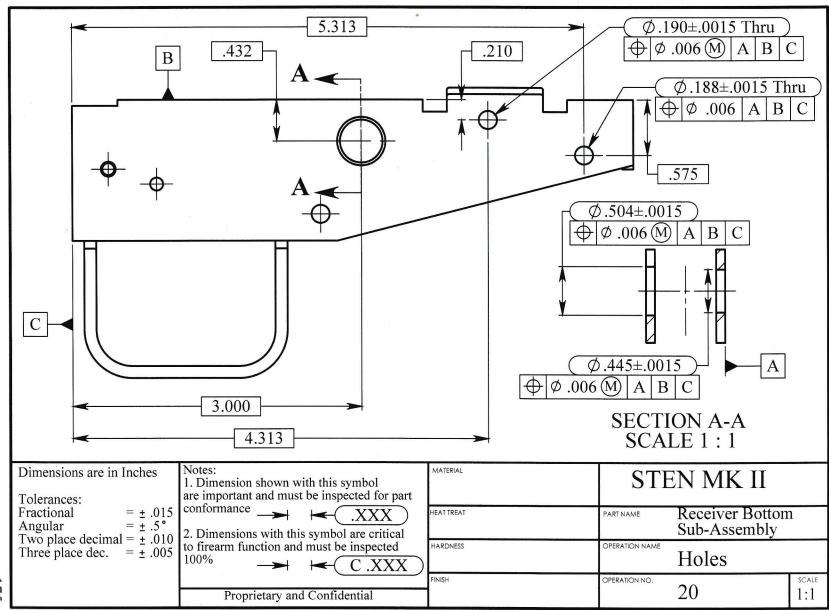


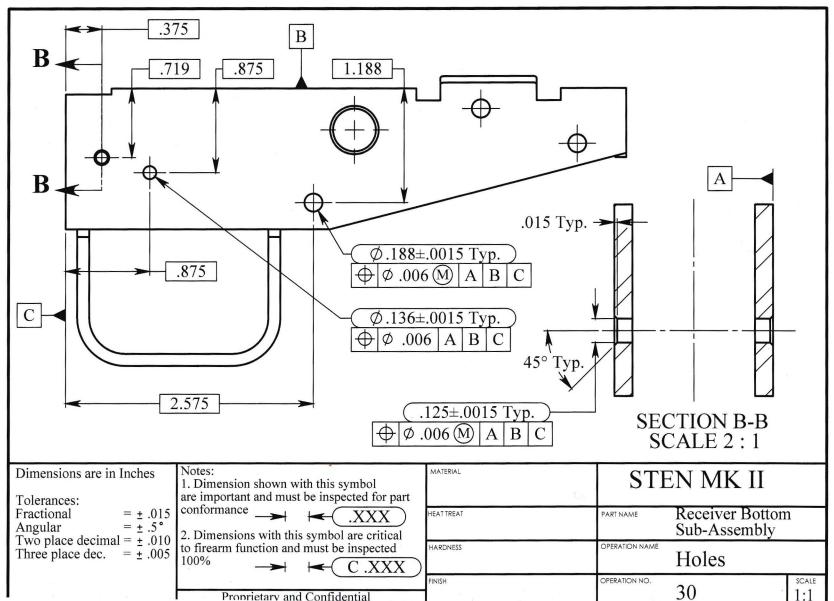


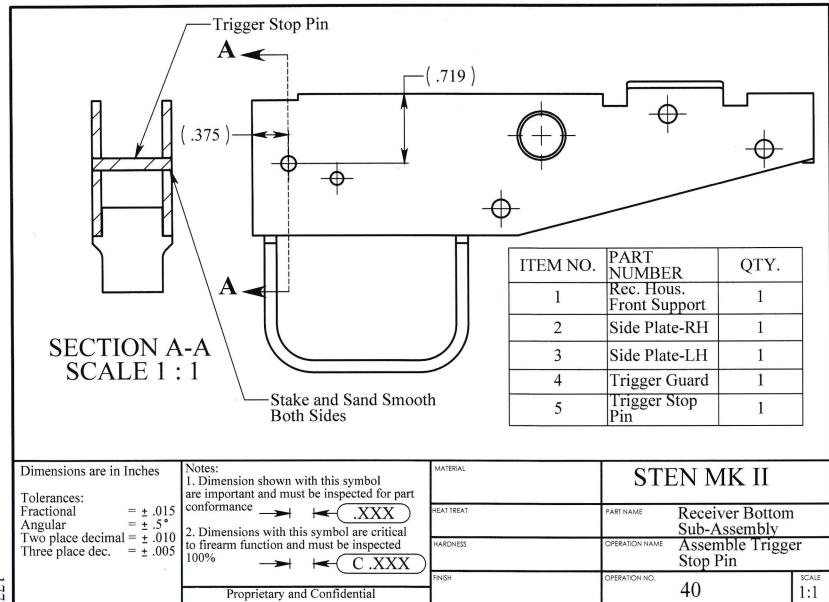
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2	Receiver Top Sub-Assembly	1

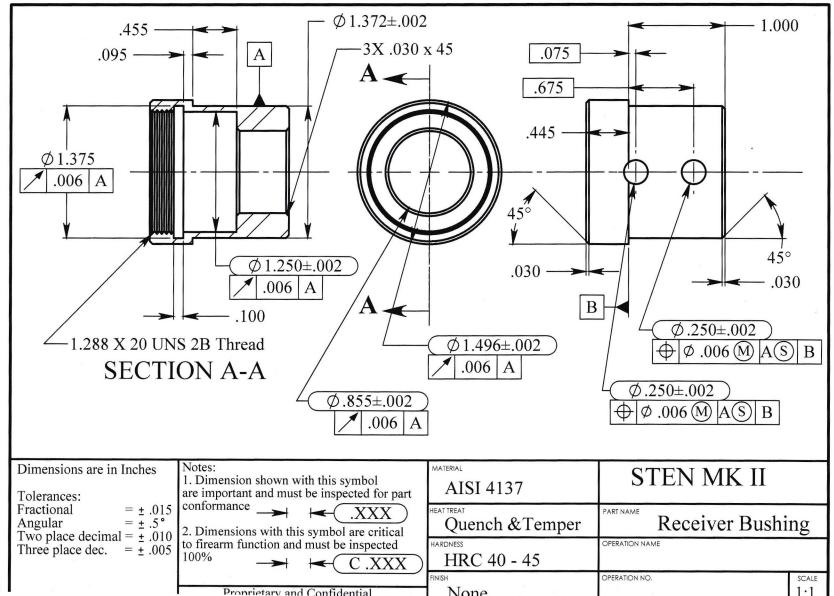
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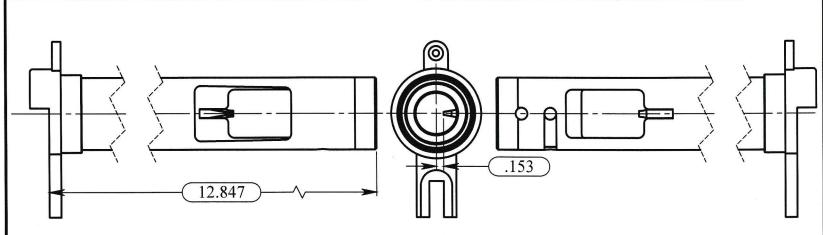












ITEM NO.	PART NUMBER	QTY.
1	Receiver	1
2	Receiver Bushing	1
3	Rear Sight	1
4	Rear Sight Loc Pin	1
5	Ejector	1
6	Rec. Rear End Bushing Assy	1

Weld All Components Together

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		HARDNESS	OPERATION NAME	
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Manufacturing Data:

Spring Type: Helical Compression

Outside Diameter: 1.043 inches

Wire Diameter: .063 **Total Coils:** 17.0 **Active Coils:** 15.0

Closed, Not Ground Coil Type:

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Free Length:
Wind Direction: Either Hand

Inspection Data:

Load Length L1: Load P1: 6.000 inches 5.85 + /-1.2 lbs. Load Length L2: 3.000 inches

Load P2: 10.66 lbs +/-1.3 lbs.

Max. Solid Height: Spring works over: 1.200 inches .850 diameter rod

Engineering Data:

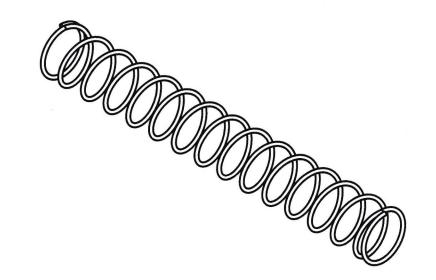
Spring Rate: 1.60 lbs/in.

Spring Index: Static Solid Stress: 148,700 psi 50.7%

Stress Percentage:

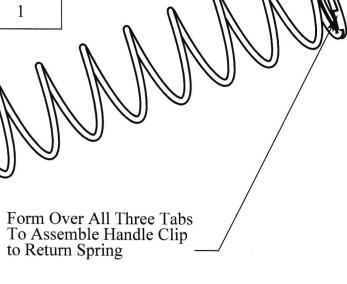
at Solid Height

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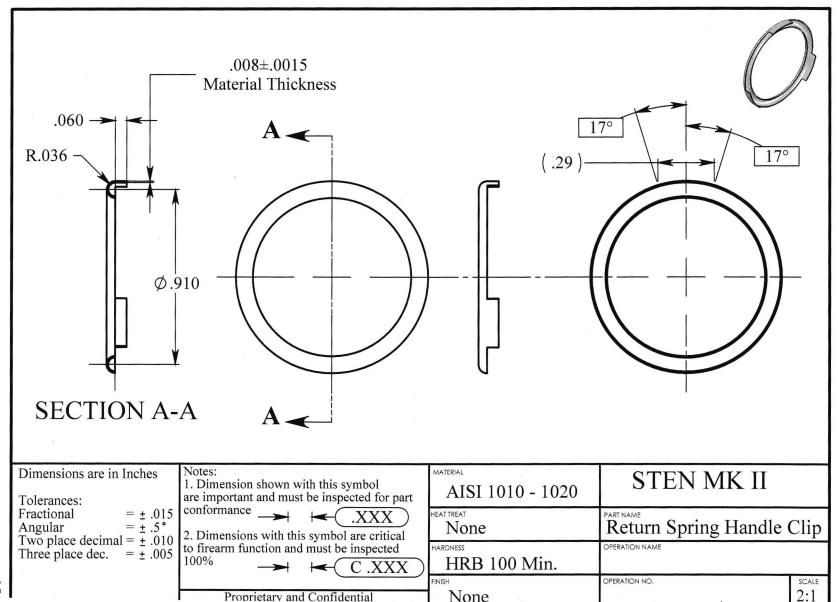


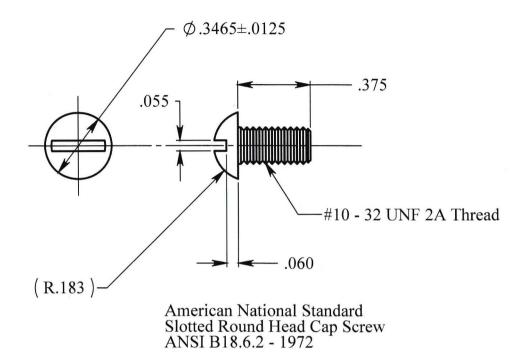
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	Angular $= \pm .5^{\circ}$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical	Stress Relieve	Keturii Spring	,
	Two place decimal $= \pm .010$		HARDNESS	OPERATION NAME	
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ITEM NO.	PART NUMBER	QTY.
1.	Return Spring	1
2	Return Spring Handle Clip	1

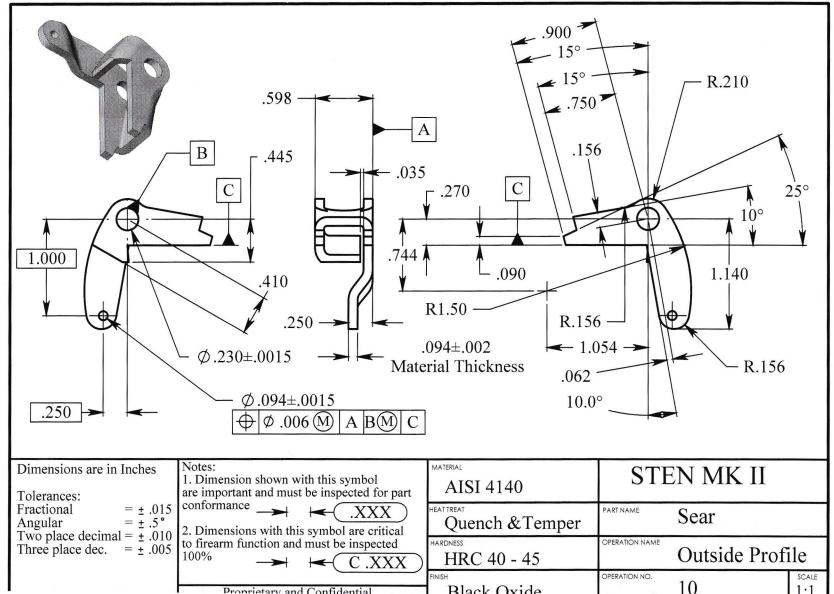


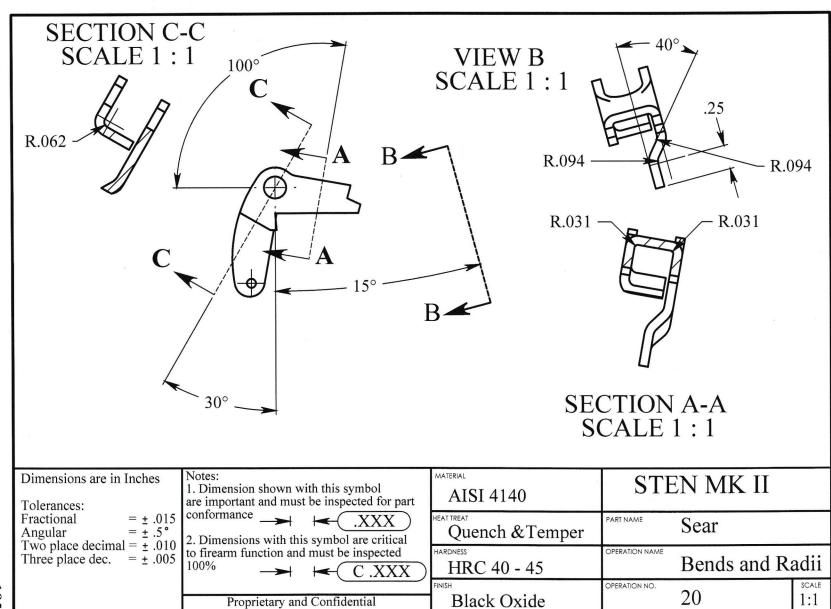
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Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected 100%	HARDNESS	OPERATION NAME	
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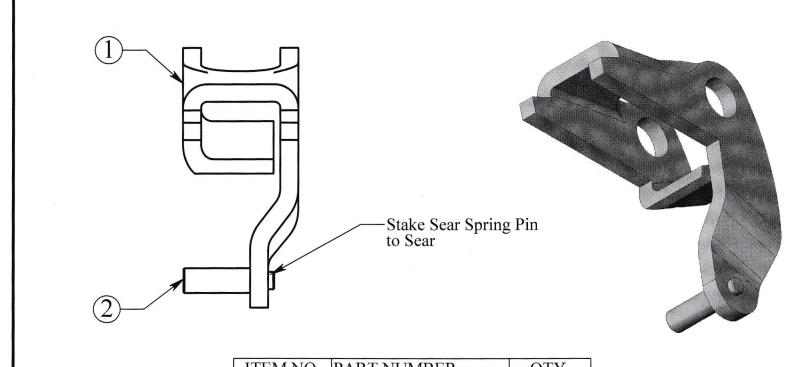




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Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	to firearm function and must be inspected 100% — C .XXX	See Specification	OPERATION NAME	
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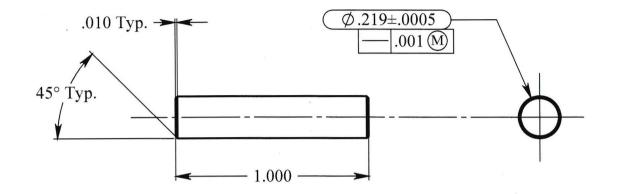




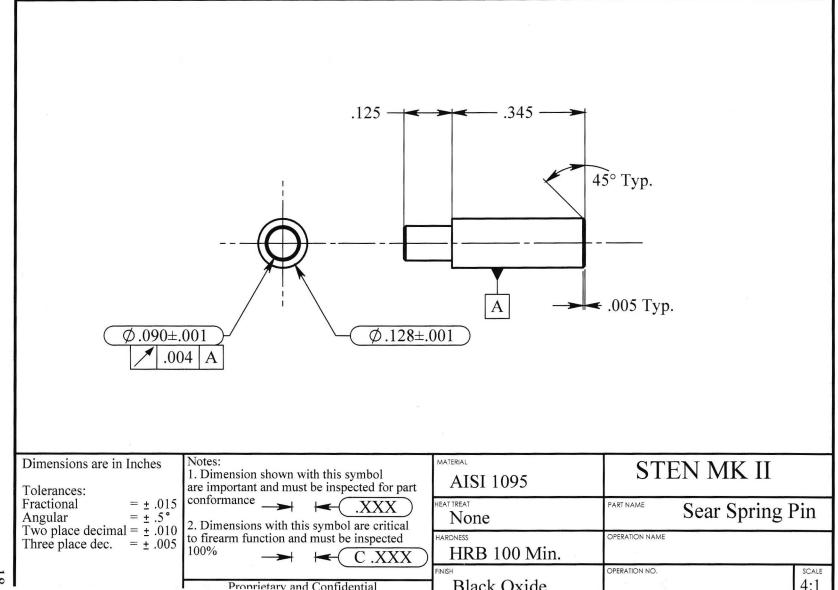
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2	Sear Spg Pin	1

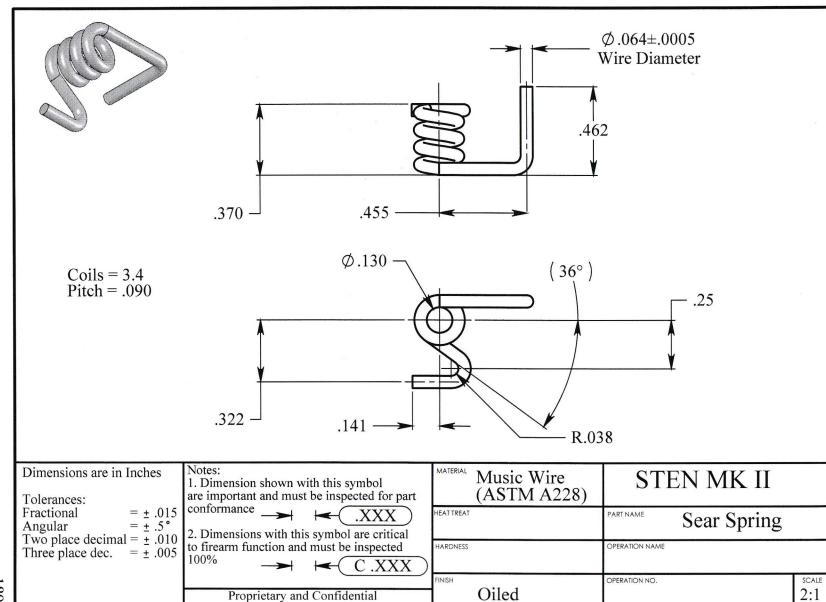
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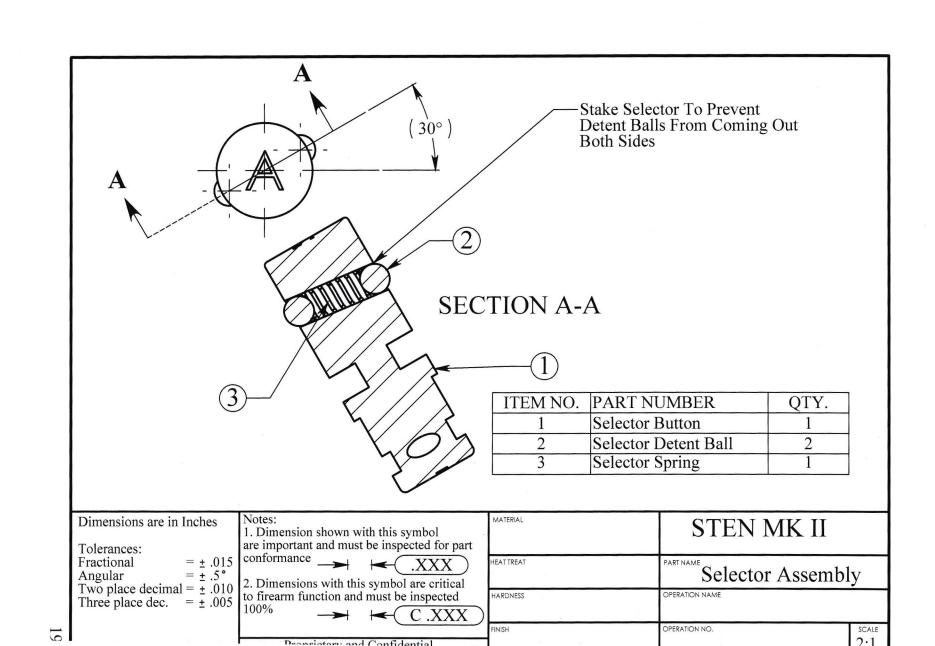
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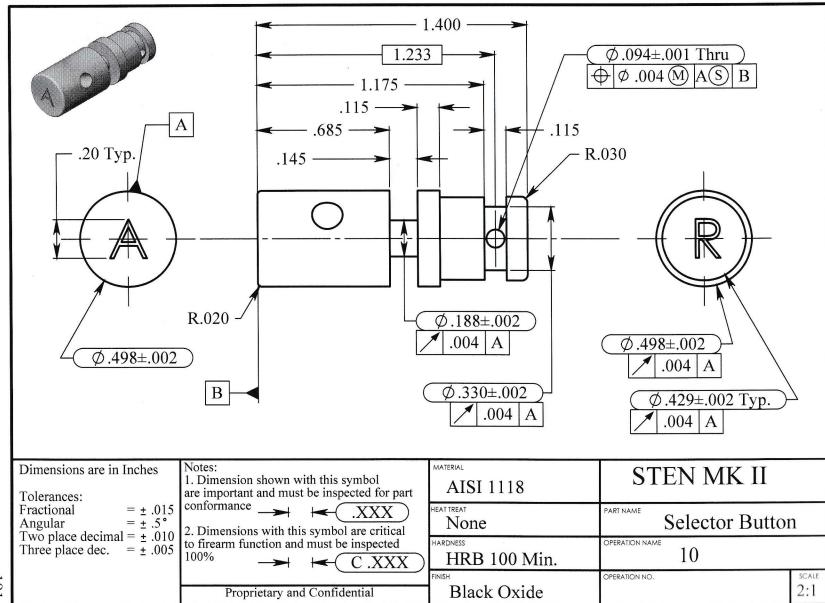


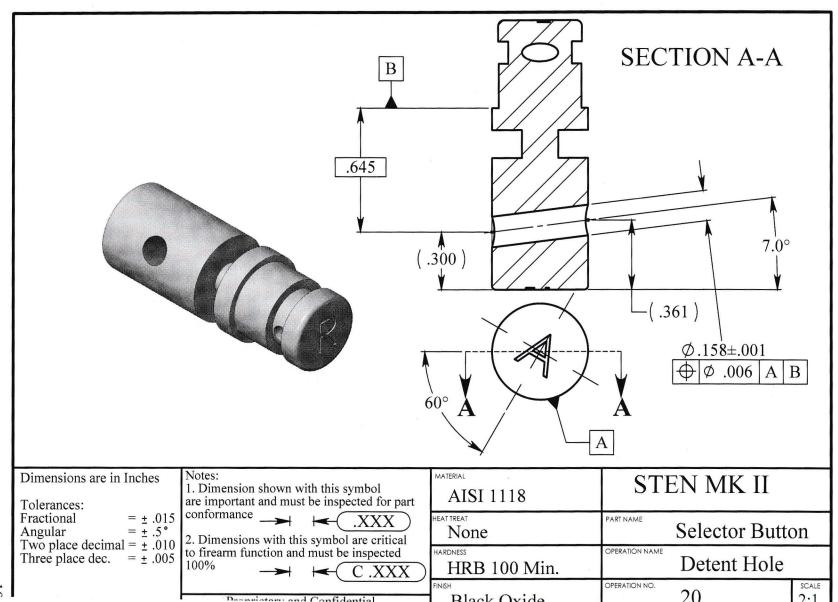
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Fractional $= \pm .015$ Angular $= \pm .5^{\circ}$ Two place decimal $= \pm .010$.,,,,,	Neutral Salt Harden		n
Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected 100%	HRC 48 - 53	OPERATION NAME	
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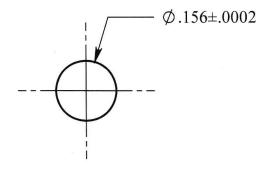












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Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected 100%	HRC 58 - 63	OPERATION NAME	
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Manufacturing Data:

Helical Compression

Spring Type: Outside Diameter: .141 inches

Wire Diameter: .018 **Total Coils:** 8.0 Active Coils: 6.0

Closed, and Ground Coil Type:

Free Length: .50

Wind Direction: Either Hand

Inspection Data:

Load Length L1: .300 inches Load P1: 2.70 + / -.20 lbs. Load Length L2: .270 inches Load P2: 3.10 + / -.20 lbs.

Max. Solid Height: .150 inches

Engineering Data:

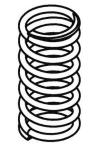
13.5 lbs/in. Spring Rate:

Spring Index: 6.8

Static Solid Stress: 314,900 psi 88.1%

Stress Percentage: at Solid Height

Do Not Set to Solid Height For Inspection



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Fractional Angular

Two place decimal = $\pm .010$ Three place dec. $= \pm .005$

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	Music Wire (ASTM A22)	8

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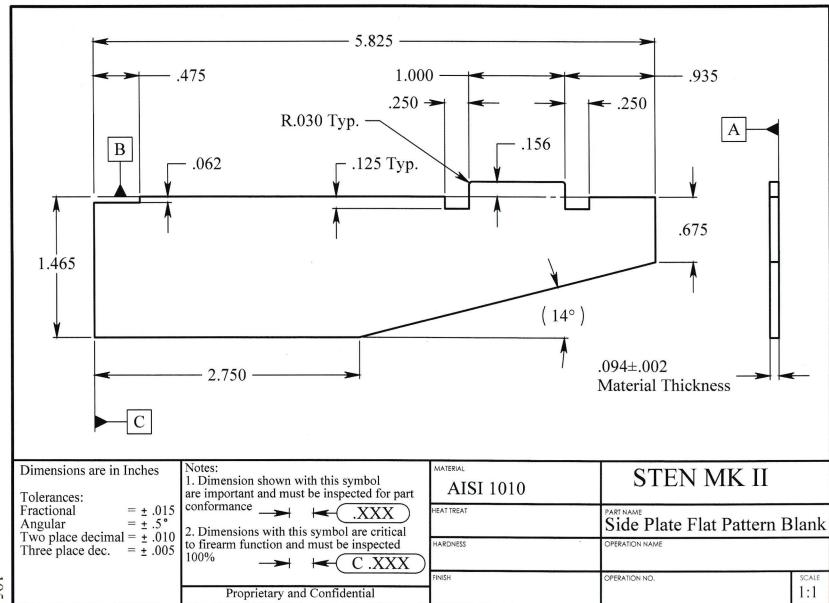
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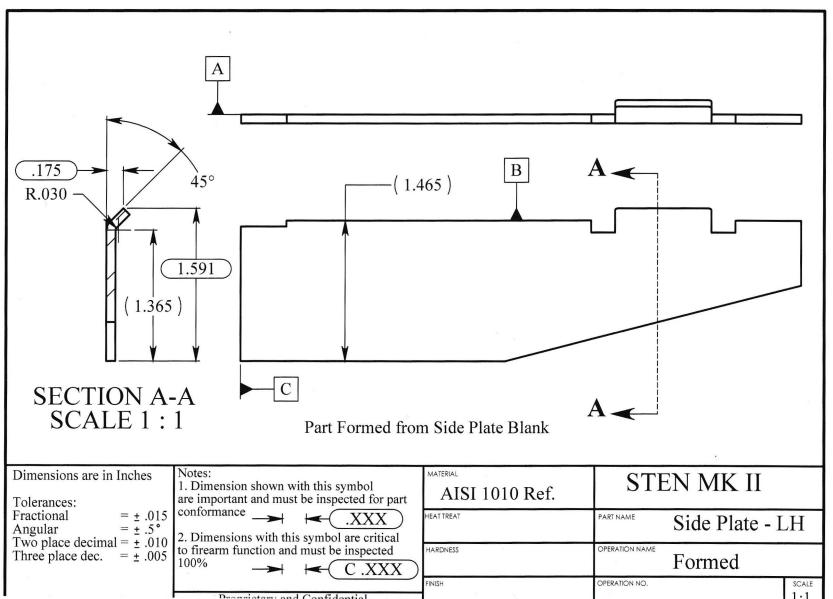
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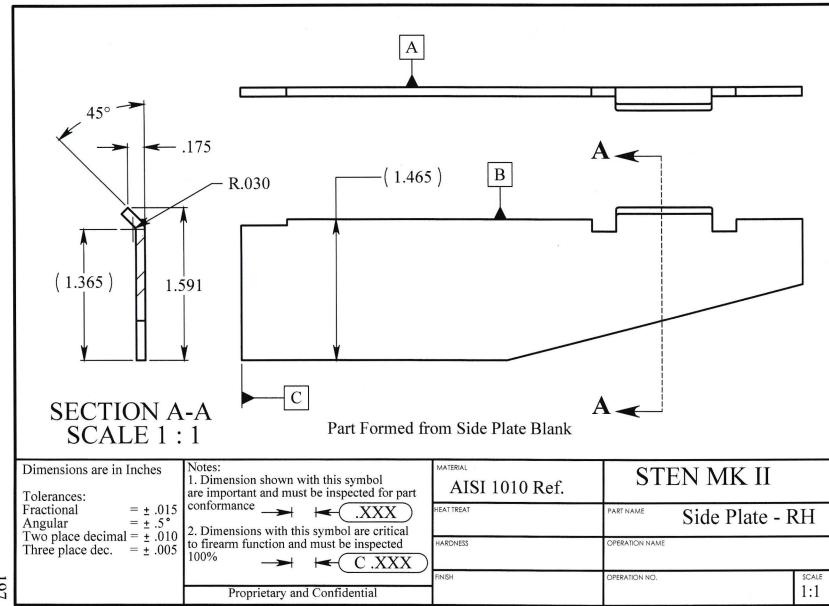
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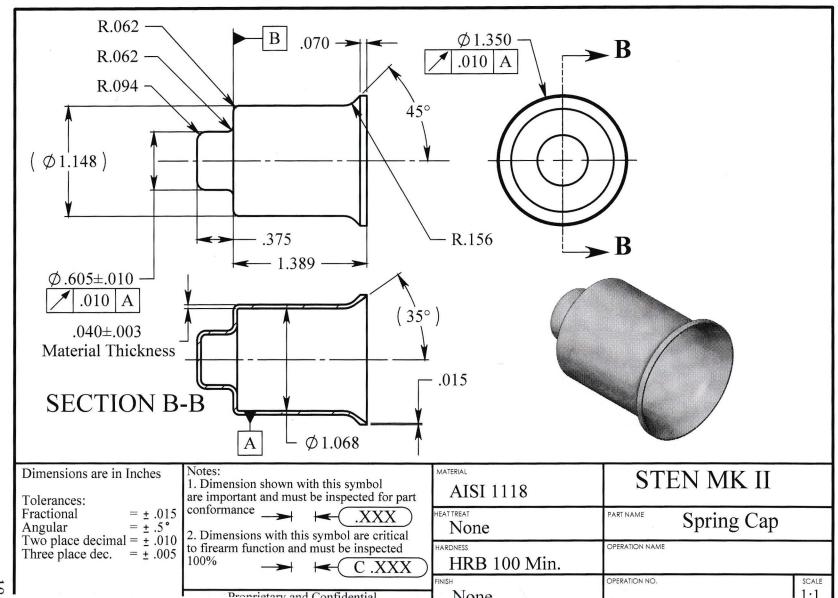
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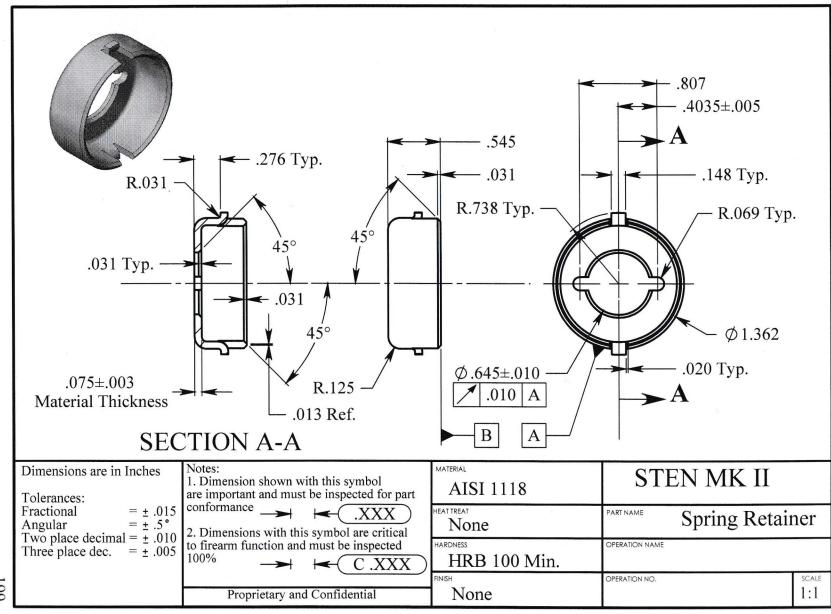
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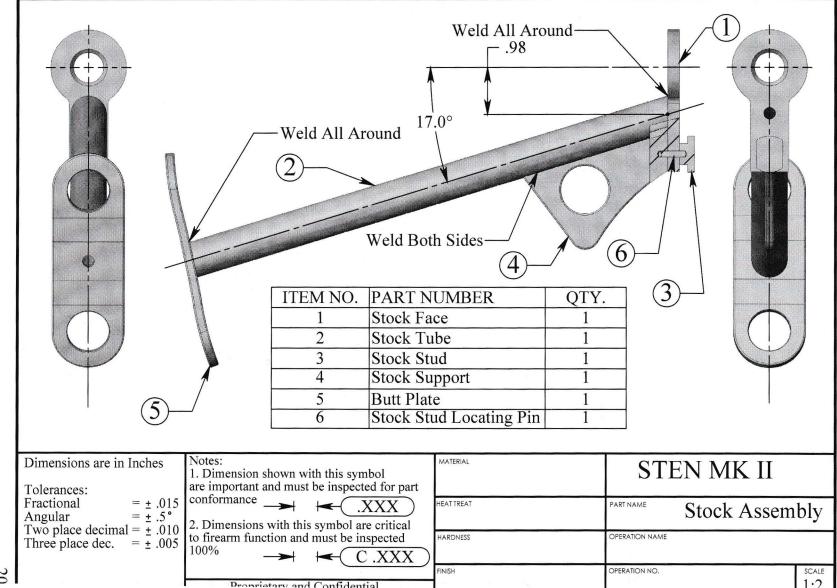


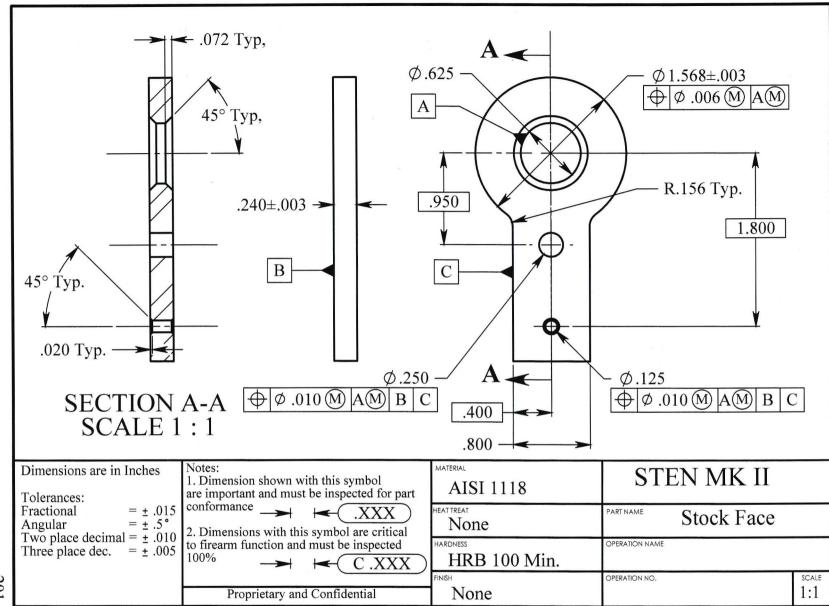


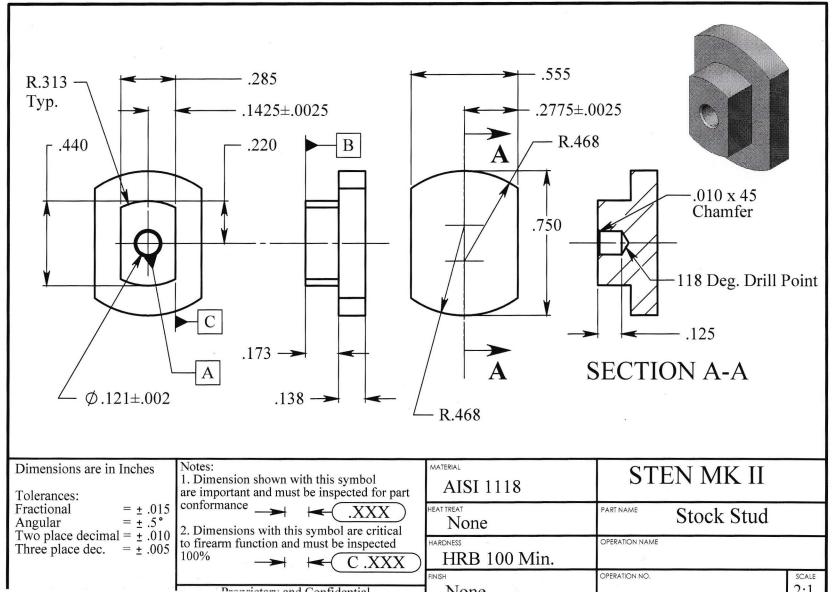


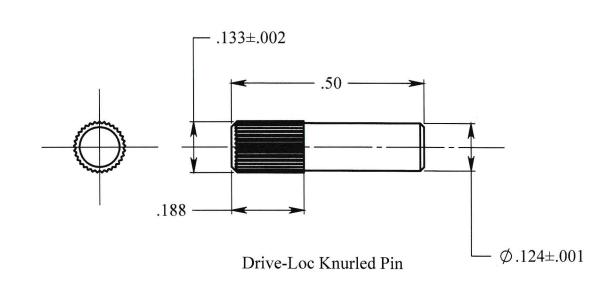




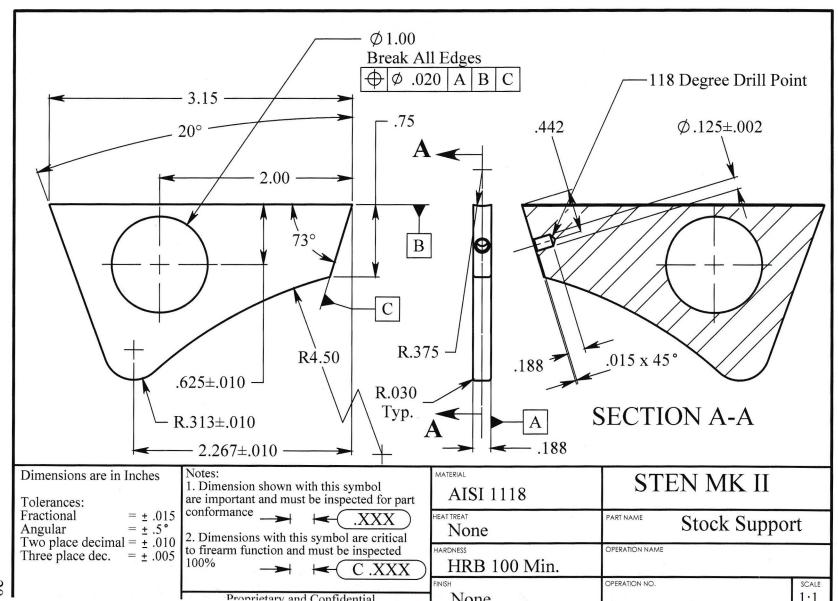


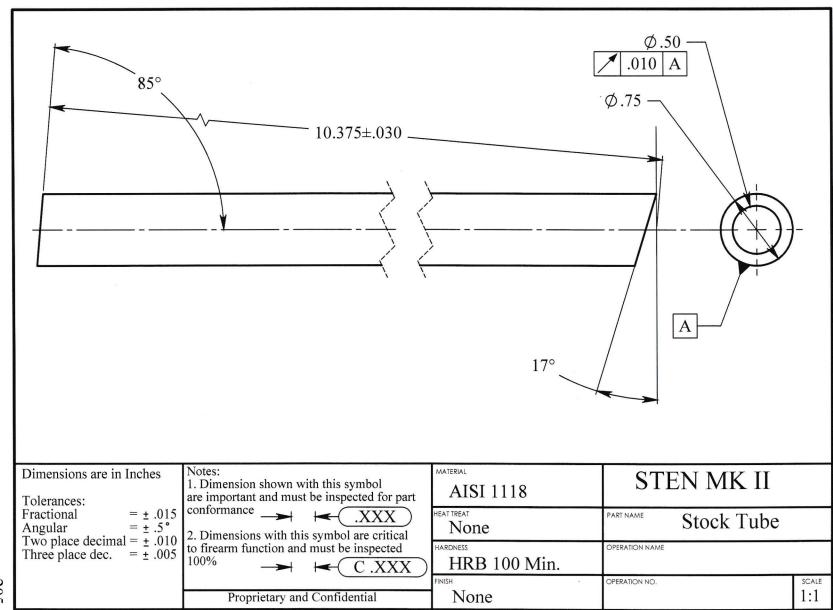


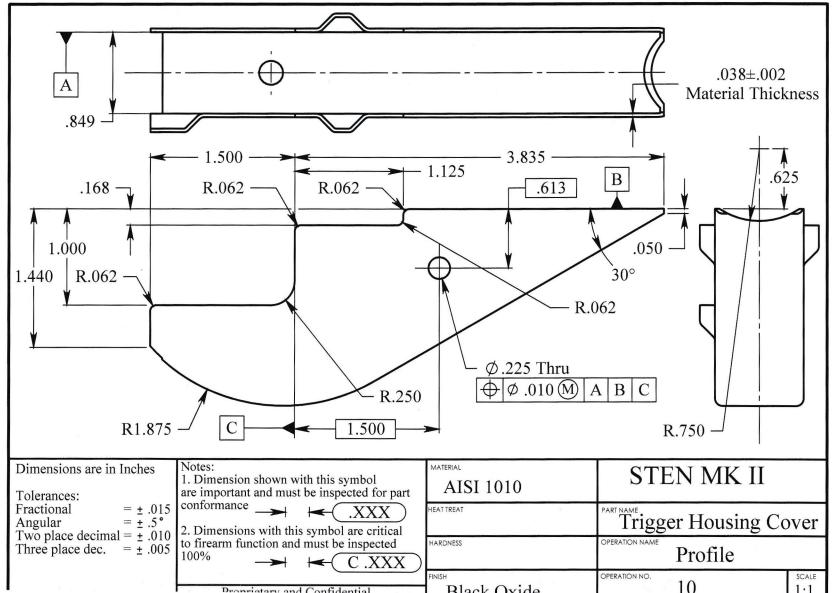


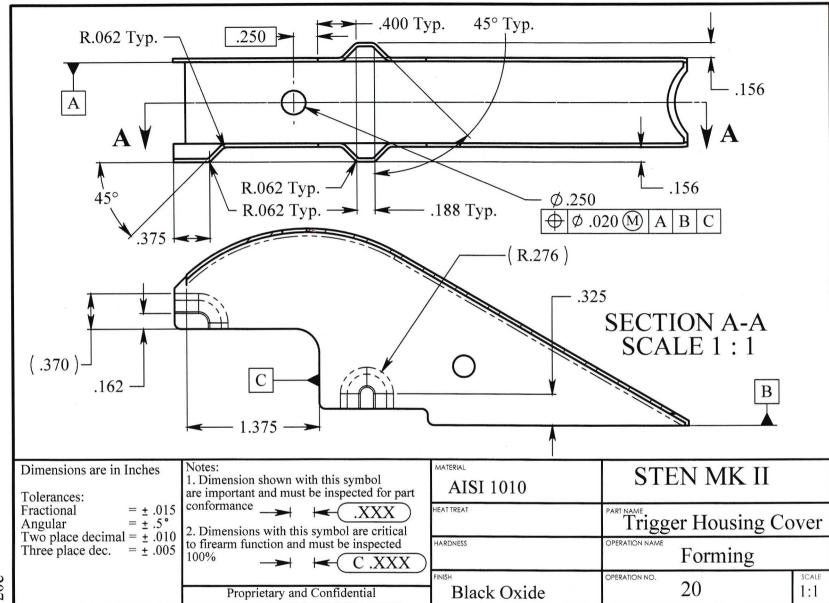


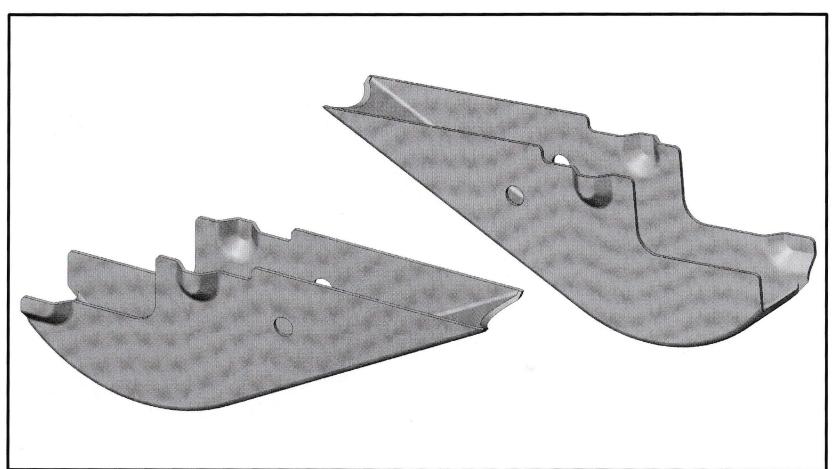
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j	Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected 100%	Vendor Spec.	OPERATION NAME	
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MATERIAL

Dimensions are in Inches

Tolerances:
Fractional = ± .015
Angular = ± .010
Two place decimal = ± .010
Three place dec. = ± .005

Notes:

1. Dimension shown with this symbol are important and must be inspected for part conformance

2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected 100%

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	HARDNESS	Pinish		
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Manufacturing Data:

Extension Spring Spring Type: Outside Diameter: .178 inches

Wire Diameter: .024Total Coils: Active Coils:

60.0 60.0

End Coil Type: Free Length: Wind Direction:

Double Full Loop 1.83

Either Hand

Inspection Data:

Load Length L1: Load P1: 2.75 inches 2.5 + / -.25 lbs. Load Length L2: Load P2: 3.0 inches

3.0 lbs +/-.27 lbs.

Engineering Data:

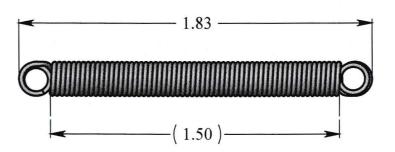
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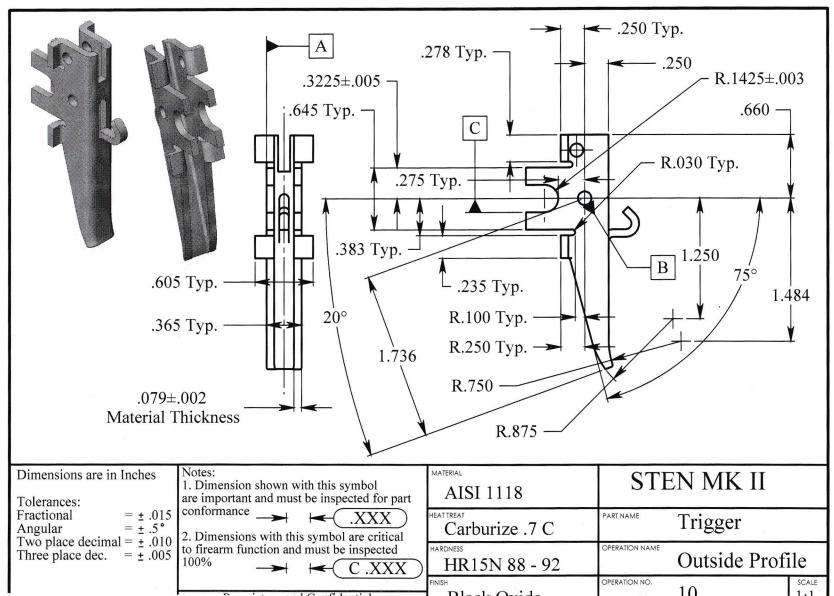
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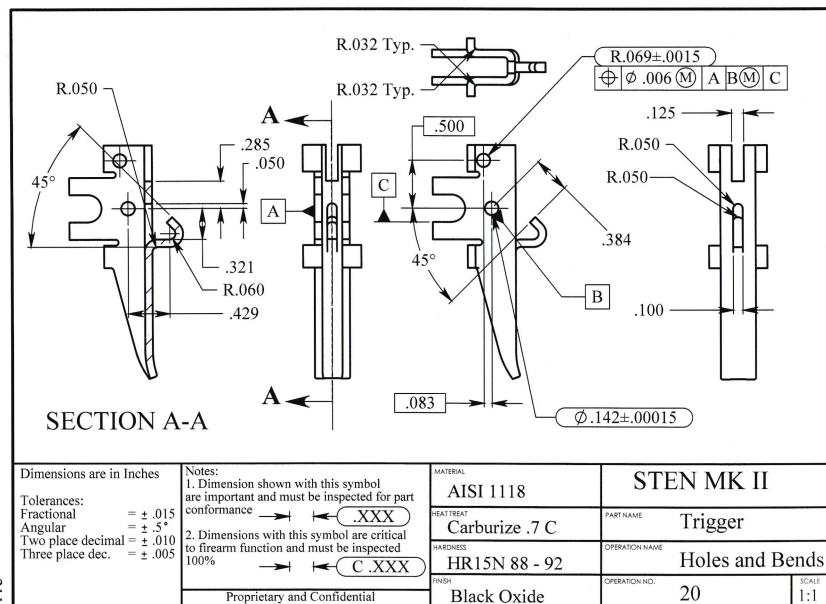
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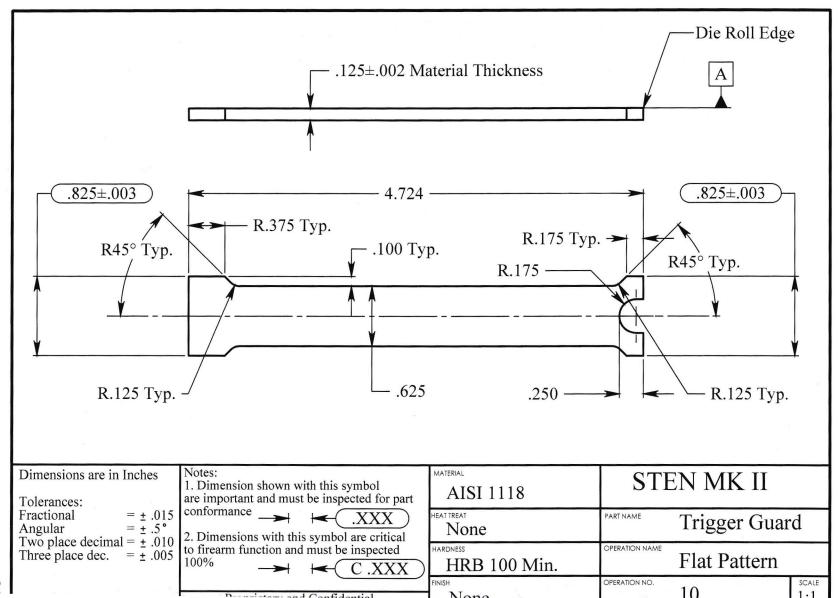


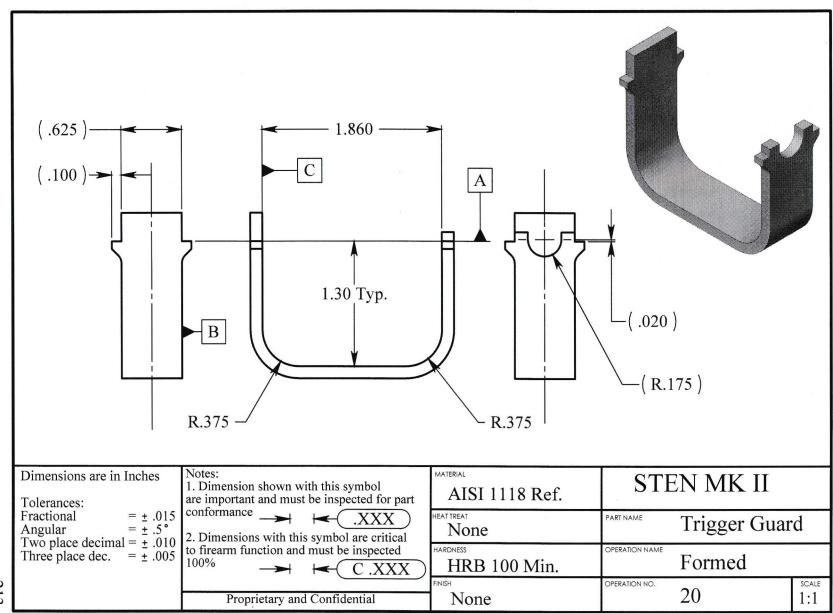


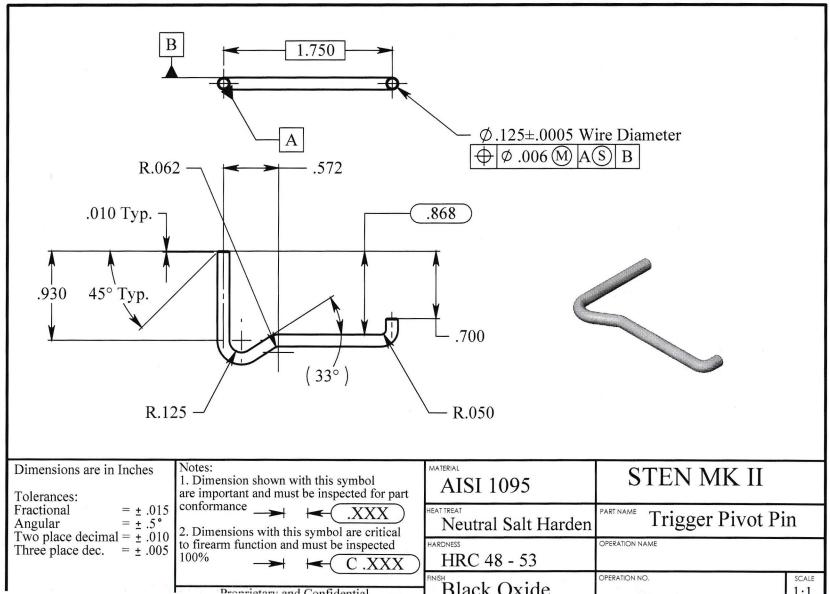
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Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected 100%	HARDNESS	OPERATION NAME	
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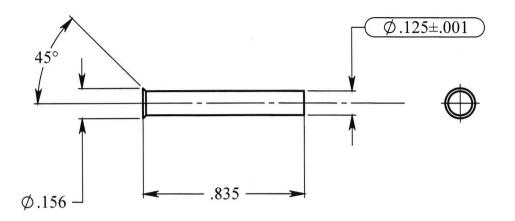




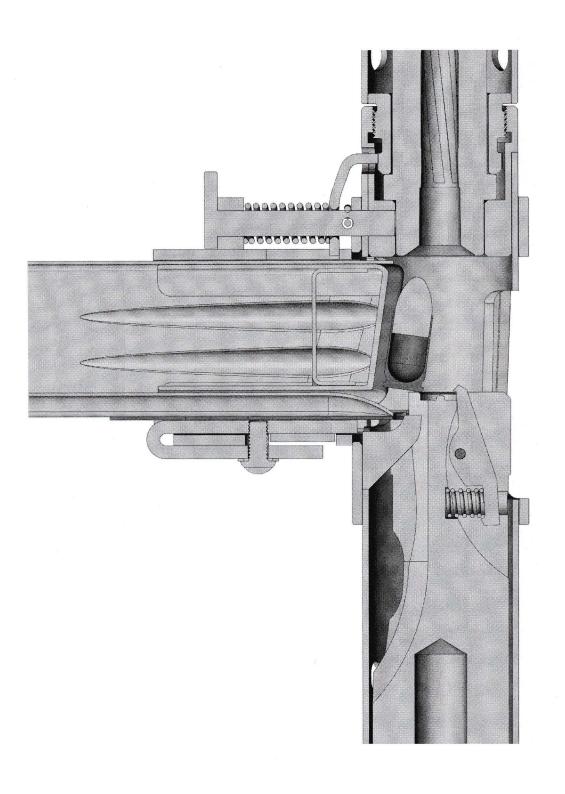








Tolerances:	Notes: 1. Dimension shown with this symbol are important and must be inspected for part	AISI 1095	STEN MK II	
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Three place dec. $= \pm .005$	2. Dimensions with this symbol are critical to firearm function and must be inspected 100% — (C.XXX)	HRB 100 Min.	OPERATION NAME	
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Appendix I STEN Patent History

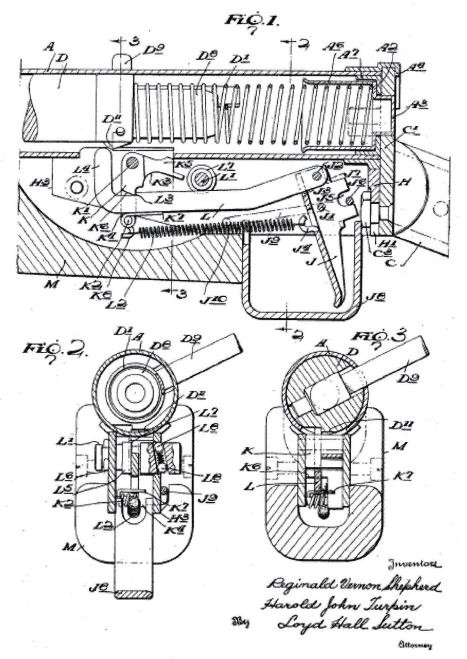
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TRIGGER MECHANISM

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TRIGGER MECHANISM

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Application September 9, 1942, Serial No. 457,792 In Great Britain April 17, 1941

2 Claims. (Cl. 42-3)

This invention relates to machine guns or rifles, and has, as its main object, to simplify the construction thereof, so as to facilitate manufacture by mass production methods. Whilst not limited thereto, the invention is particularly applicable to machine carbines, i. e., short-berrel machine cuns.

One object of the invention is to provide an improved trigger mechanism which is simple in action, has relatively few moving parts, and can readily and cheaply be produced by mass production methods, Such an improved trigger mechanism may comprise an actuating lever for transmitting movement of the trigger to the sear. this lever also acting as a member for selecting cither satomatic or single shot firing of the gun when the trigger is operated. Preferably the actuating lever constitutes the sole operating member between the trigger and the sear.

The invention may be carried into practice in various ways, and one convenient construction of machine carbine in accordance therewith will now be described by way of example with reference to the accompanying drawing in which-

Pig. I is a longitudinal sectional view of a construction embodying the invention, the bolt being shown in an intermediate position between the cocked position and the firing position;

Fig. 2:1s a transverse section taken on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1, certain parts being removed; and Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken on the line 2-3 of Fig. 1, with the mechanism adjusted for automatic firing.

The construction of carbine shown in these figures comprises a tubular metal casing A extending rearwardly from the breech end of the barrel which contains the bolt D which is of substantially cylindrical form and fits within the casing so that it can reciprocate freely. The bolt is relatively heavy, and thus has a large inertia as compared with that of the bullet. Moreover it is normally forced toward the breech by a compression spring Di-hereinafter referred to as the return spring—disposed between the rear end of the bolt D and the end of the casing. The bolt is not locked during firing and is thus moved rearwardly by the backward thrust of the cartridge following firing, the inertia of the bolt and the strength of the return spring Di ensuring sufficient time delay for the bullet to knye the barrel before there is an appreciable opening between the bolt and the barrel,

The rear end of the bolt has a shank De of reduced diameter for insertion into the front end of the helical return spring Di. In the neighbourbood of the shoulder thus formed, there is a transverse hole to receive the shank of a cocking handle De which projects through a slot in the easing A.

The rear end of the casing A is open and the rear abutment of the spring Di is constituted by a removable cup A² which fits within and closes the end of the casing. The cup A² is held in position by a front end plate C¹ on the removable butt part of which is shown at C and at the same time acts as a retaining catch for the butt. The

A' which engages in a hole in the butt plate C' so as to prevent further rotational movement of the plate when it has been positioned on the end of the casing. The butt plate C¹ also has a pin C³ to engage in a slot H1 in the rear wall H of a trigger mechanism casing attached to the under-

cup A2 has a rearwardly projecting boss or spigot

side of the casing A, the arrangement being such 20 that the pin CI enters the slot HI when the plate C! is inclined (in a plane perpendicular to the barrel gxis) to its normal position. Rotation of the butt to bring the hole in the butt plate C1 into altenment with the boss A? locks the pin and slot

25 connection and at the same time brings the upper edge of the plate C¹ under an overhung flange A⁴ fixed to or forming part of the main casing. The pin and slot connection C^1 — H^1 in conjunction with the overhung flange At thus prevent rear-

ward movement of the plate C1, and therefore of the abusinent cup A2 of the return spring, whilst the boss A3 on the cup prevents unlocking rotational movement of the butt plate. To release the butt, it is only necessary to press the outer

35 surface of the boss A2 of the cup, which is accessible through the hole in the plate C1, and at

the same time to rotate the butt.

In order to prevent any tendency which the return spring may have to buckle or to rub against the walls of the casing, the cup A3 has a forwardly projecting cylindrical skirt A6 with a flared forward end. If desired the skirt and the cap may be formed separately, the skirt being in

the form of a cylinder with its rear end extending into the cup, fullered and fastened to the inside wall of the cup, for example by spot weld-

ing or by riveting.

Preferably, as shown in Figure 1, the rear surface of the cup A³ abuts against a removable cap A? which closes the end of the main casing and is held in position by the front and plate of the removable butt. The cap A' has a central hole through which the boss A' projects to engage in the hole in the butt plate C'. The cap A' retains 55 the cup A^2 and associated sleeve A^8 in the end of

the easing when the butt plate C¹ is removed by pressing the spigot A² and rotating the butt C as described above.

The trigger mechanism casing is mounted on the underside and at the rear end of the main casing and consists of a pair of parallel vertical side walls H3H3, having their upper edges welded or otherwise fixed to the main casing, and the rear wall H containing, as has already been described, the slot H' for the fixing pin on the butt plate. The mechanism itself comprises a trigger J pivoted at J1 between the side walls near the rear edge thereof, a scar K pivoted at K¹ between the walls near the front edge thereof, and an actuating lever L pivoted at J' on the trigger J and extending forwardly therefrom so as to constitute the sole operating member between the trigger J and the sear K and also to act, in a manner to be described, as a member for selecting single shot or automatic firing of the carbine when the trigger is pressed. In addition the mechanism includes a member L' for controlling the selection by the actuating lover L, a tension spring L2 extending between the trigger J and the sear K, and a bell crank lever K² pivoted on the sear for transmitting force exerted by the spring to the actuating lever,

The trigger J comprises a stamping bent so as to have a cross-section of substantially channel form in order to give it rigidity, the sides of the channel tapering from a maximum width near the upper part of the trigger the pivot J1 at which comprises a horizontal pin supported in holes in the side walls of the mechanism casing, to a minimum width at the lower operating part of the trigger. At the upper end of the trigger the web is cut away at J1 to provide a clearance space for the lever L the pivot J' for which is fixed in the sides of the channel. A part J' of the web below the pivot J1 is stamped out to form a hook for the tension spring L3 which extends forwardly and thus tends to move the trigger in a clockwise direction about its pivot, that is, towards the "off" position. The rear edges of the sides of the channel, at their widest parts, are slotted as indicated at Jo and the sides of the slots co-operate with a fixed transverse pin Je extending between the sides H2H3, to act as stops for limiting pivotal movement of the trigger J in each direction. Ears J' are also stamped out of the sides of the channel and are bent outwardly so as to engage the inner surfaces of the walls H2H1 and thus to centre the trigger between the walls.

The trigger guard J's consists of a metal strip having a width equal to the distance between the inner surfaces of the walls H2H2 and bent into substantially U-shape. The ends of the strip are inserted between the walls and are welded or otherwise fixed in position so that they also act as distance pieces for maintaining the lower edges of the side walls the correct distance apart. The trigger guard is positioned so that the rear limb is close to the back plate H and the strip thus protects and in part closes the lower edge of the trigger casing. The end of the trigger casing in front of the front limb of the guard is closed by means of a hand grip of wood M, or of a moulded material such as the material sold under the registered trade-mark "Bakelite," which covers the forward part of the trigger casing and part of the lower surface of the main casing A, this syip being held in place by screw threaded studs. The hand grip M when in position, also prevents withdrawal of the pivot pins J' and K' for the trigger

J and the sear K, the pin J², since its ends are not normally covered by the hand grip M, being arranged to project from one side wall of the casing and being bent over, as indicated by the broken line J² in Figure 1, so as to extend substantially along the outside of the wall H³ to a point beneath the hand grip M. Preferably the end of the extension of the pin is turned inwardly so as to engage in a hole or recess J¹⁶ in the side wall H³.

The sear K consists of a two-armed bell crank lever pivoted between the side walls so that the upper arm K3 extends rearwardly and substantially horizontally, whilst the lower arm K⁴ ex-tends downwardly. Rotation of the sear in a counter-clockwise direction thus tends to move a nose K5 on the upper surface of the horizontal arm through an aperture in the underside of the main easing A into the path of a lug Dil on the underside of the bolt. The lower end of the arm K4 is of reduced width so as to form a "step" K4 about half way between the pivot K1 and the end of the arm. This step constitutes a projection or lug which normally engages in a notch L3 in the lever L so that the longitudinal forward movement of lever L as the trigger J is depressed causes clockwise rotation of the sear K about its pivot to lower the nose R5 and thus release the

The lever L extends forwardly beyond the notch L3 and is bent upwardly to form a nose L4 so that normally the end thereof lies in the path of the lug D3 on the blot, the end being rounded so that it does not act as a catch to prevent reciprocating movement of the bolt. The lug Date does, however, when it engages the nose L', cause downward movement thereof, that is, rotation of the lever L in a counter-clockwise direction about its pivot J2, the downward movement being sufficient to free the step Ke from the notch L. The sear thus returns to its operative position automatically and even though the trigger may still be depressed, engages the lug Dit as the bolt is moved forwardly by the return spring D1 after the recoil following firing. As thus far described 45 the trigger mechanism is set for single shot firing

The arm K⁴ of the sear carries near its end a horizontal pivot pin for the bell crank lever, K², which may comprise a stiff spring steel wire coiled to form the lever pivot bearing, with one arm K³ bent to engage the under surface of the lever L whilst the other arm K² is bent to form an attachment hook for the forward end of the tension spring L². This spring thus serves three 5.5 purposes, namely as a return spring for both the trigger J and the sear K and also as a return spring for the actuating lever L since, due to the upward pressure exerted on the underside of the lever by the arm K³, the upper surface is maintained in contact with the "step" K² on the sear and the lever is moved upwardly following depression thereof by the lug D¹¹.

In order that the lever L may also act as a selecting member for automatic and single shot firing, the lug D¹¹ is, as shown most clearly in Figures 2 and 3, unsymmetrically arranged so that by transverse movement of the forward end of the actuating lever, the nose L⁴ can be brought into a position in which it is not engaged by the 70 lug D¹¹ during reciprocation of the bolt. Since with the lever in this position the connection between the lever L and the sear K is not tripped, the bolt is free to move backwards and forwards as long as the trigger J is held depressed, and the gun fires automatically.

Selecting movement of the lever L is effected by a transverse pin L1 (Pigure 2) which is supported by the walls H2 and H3, so that it can slide longitudinally between two limiting positions respectively determined by a collar L5 formed on the pin and by a split ring Ls in an annular groove, the collar and the ring being on opposite sides of the wall H2. The pin L1 has an annular groove L3 which constitutes a guide channel for the lever L so that longitudinal movement of the pin causes transverse movement of the lever between two positions in which the nose L4 is respectively in the path and out of the path of the lug D11. The pin is held in each of its two positions by ball catches Ls arranged so that the balls engage the edges of the side wall Haw

It is to be understood that the specific constructions described above are by way of example only and that the form of the individual components may be varied as necessary within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

We claim as our invention:

1. In an automatic firearm having a bolt which reciprocates automatically on firing, a trigger mechanism comprising a trigger, a pivoted sear having one arm for holding the bolt in the cocked position and a projection on the other arm, an actuating lever, a notch in said lever arranged to engage said projection, said lever being pivoted at its rear end on the trigger so that operation of the trigger causes said lever to move forwardly to rotate the sear through the medium of said projection and notch and release the bolt, a bell-crank lever mounted on said other arm of the sear, one arm of the bell crank lever being arranged to engage said actuating lever, a spring connected between the other arm of the bell-crank lever and the trigger so

that the first-mentioned arm of the bell-crank lever exerts pressure on said actuating lever to force said notch into contact with said projection, a lug on the bolt, and selecting means which can be operated to move said actuating lever into a position where it is struck by said lug to disengage said notch and projection against the action of said bell-crank lever and thus release

the sear.

2. In an automatic firearm having a bolt which reciprocates automatically on firing, a trigger mechanism comprising a casing, a trigger, a pivoted sear having one arm for holding the bolt in the cocked position and a projection on the other arm, an actuating lever, a notch in said lever arranged to engage said projection, said lever being pivoted at its rear end on the

trigger so that operation of the trigger causes said lever to move forwardly to rotate the sear 20 through the medium of said projection and notch and release the bolt, an upturned forward end on said lever, a bell-crank lever mounted on said other arm of the sear, one arm of the bell crank lever being arranged to engage said actu25 ating lever, a spring connected between the other

ating sever, a spring connected between the other arm of the bell-crank lever and the trigger so that the first-mentioned arm of the bell-crank lever exerts upward pressure on said actuating lever to force said notch into engagement with

30 said projection, a lug on the bolt, and a transverse selector pin slidably mounted in said casing and engaging said actuating lever, which pin can be moved to shift said actuating lever transversely into a position in which said upturned

35 forward end is struck by said lug to disengage said notch and projection against the action of the bell-crank lever and thus release the sear.

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Appendix II Excel Screen Shots for Determining Cartridge Impulse

The following screen shots will assist you set up your own Excel spreadsheet for determining the impulse of a cartridge given its Pressure vs. Time curve as in Chapter II.

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	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	Н	I
••••	9mm Pisto	l Cartridge							
	Typical Pr	ojectile Weight	(grains) =	115.0		Inpu	ts in Grey		
	Typical Po	wder Charge (g	grains) =	6.0					***************************************
	Cartridge D	iameter (in) =		0.354					
	Cartridge A	.rea (in2) =		0.098					
	Cartridge L	ength =		0.715					***************************************

	Time (Msec)	Pressure (psi)	Average Pressure (psi)	Impulse = (Force*time) (Ib-sec)	Velocity Change (ft/sec)	Velocity Absolute (ft/sec)	Distance Change (in)	Distance Absolute (in)	Distance in the Barrel
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)	0	0	0	0.0000	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.71.
1	0.0001	2176	1,088	0.0000	0.0	0.0	0.000	0.000	0.71
2	0.0011	2320	2,248	0.0002	0.4	0.4	0.000	0.000	0.71.
3	0.0039	2512	2,416	0.0007	1.3	1.7	0.000	0.000	0.71.
4	0.0073	2763	2,638	0.0009	1.7	3.4	0.000	0.000	0.71.
5	0.0114	3090	2,927	0.0012	2.3	5.7	0.000	0.000	0.71.
5	0.0161	3510	3,300	0.0015	2.9	8.6	0.000	0.001	0.71
7	0.0214	4043	3,777	0.0020	3.8	12.3	0.001	0.001	0.716
3	0.0270	4701	4,372	0.0024	4.6	16.9	0.001	0.002	0.71
)	0.0330	5500	5,101	0.0030	5.8	22.7	0.001	0.004	0.719
)	0.0393	6460	5,980	0.0037	7.1	29.8	0.002	0.006	0.72
L	0.0458	7592	7,026	0.0045	8.6	38.4	0.003	0.008	0.723
2	0.0524	8903	8,248	0.0054	10.2	48.6	0.003	0.012	0.72
3	0.0591	10397	9,650	0.0064	12.2	60.7	0.004	0.016	0.73:
4	0.0658	12061	11,229	0.0074	14.1	74.9	0.005	0.022	0.731
5	0.0726	13877	12,969	0.0087	16.6	91.5	0.007	0.029	0.74
5	0.0794	15813	14,845	0.0099	19.0	110.4	0.008	0.037	0.752
7	0.0861	17821	16,817	0.0111	21.2	131.6	0.010	0.047	0.762
3	0.0929	19852	18,837	0.0126	24.1	155.7	0.012	0.058	0.773
)	0.0997	21843	20,848	0.0140	26.7	182.4	0.014	0.072	0.781
)	0.1065	23734	22,789	0.0153	29.1	211.5	0.016	0.088	0.803

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ı	Cartridge L	ength =		0.715					
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8	0.0270	4701	4,372	0.0024	4.6	16.9	0.001	0.002	0.71
9	0.0330	5500	5,101	0.0030	5.8	22.7	0.001	0.004	0.71
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8	0.0929	19852	18,837	0.0126	24.1	155.7	0.012	0.058	0.77
9	0.0997	21843	20,848	0.0140	26.7	182.4	0.014	0.072	0.78
0	0.1065	23734	22,789	0.0153	29.1	211.5	0.016	0.088	0.80

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, 8	0.0214	4043	3,777 4,372	0.0020	3.8 4.6		0.001	0.001	0.716
o 9	•	***************************************		······	4.b 5.8	16.9	0.001	0.002	0.71
9 0	0.0330 0.0393	5500 6460	5,101	0.0030 0.0037	7.1	22.7 29.8	0.001	0.004	0.719
<u>u</u> 1	0.0393	7592	5,980 7,026	0.0037	7.1 8.6	29.8 38.4	0.002	0.006 0.008	0.721
2	0.0438	8903		0.0043	10.2	38.4 48.6	0.003	0.008	0.723
<u>2</u> 3	0.0524	8903 10397	8,248 9,650	0.0034	12.2	48.6 60.7	0.003	0.012	0.720 0.731
د 4	0.0591	12061	11,229	0.0064	14.1	74.9	0.004	0.016	0.737
4 5	0.0026	13877	12,969	0.0074	16.6	91.5	0.003	0.022	0.737
<i>)</i> 6	0.0726	15813	14,845	0.0087	19.0	110.4	0.007	0.029	0.752
7	0.0794	17821	16,817	0.0099	21.2	131.6	0.008	0.037	0.752
8	0.0801	19852	18,837	0.0111	24.1	155.7	0.010	0.047	0.762
9	0.0929	21843	20,848	0.0120	26.7	182.4	0.012	0.038	0.772
7 0	0.0997	23734	20,646	0.0140	29.1	211.5	0.014	0.072	0.787
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	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	Н	T I
1	9mm Pistol			_					_
2		ojectile Weight	(grains) =	115.0		Inpu	ts in Grev		
3		wder Charge (;		6.0	S				-
4		iameter (in) =	S	0.354		***************************************			~~~
5	Cartridge A			0.098					
6	Cartridge L			0.715		***************************************			
7									
8	Time (Msec)	Pressure (psi)	Average Pressure (psi)	Impulse = (Force*time) (Ib-sec)	Velocity Change (ft/sec)	Velocity Absolute (ft/sec)	Distance Change (in)	Distance Absolute (in)	Distance in the Barrel
9				120 0007	\articoo,		3		
10	0	0	0	0.0000	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.71.
11	0.0001	2176	1,088	0.0000	0.0	0.0	0.000	0.000	0.71
12	0.0011	2320	2,248	0.0002	0.4	0.4	0.000	0.000	0.71
13	0.0039	2512	2,416	0.0007	1.3	1.7	0.000	0.000	0.71
14	0.0073	2763	2,638	0.0009	1.7	3.4	0.000	0.000	0.71
15	0.0114	3090	2,927	0.0012	2.3	5.7	0.000	0.000	0.71.
16	0.0161	3510	3,300	0.0015	2.9	8.6	0.000	0.001	0.71
17	0.0214	4043	3,777	0.0020	3.8	12.3	0.001	0.001	0.71
18	0.0270	4701	4,372	0.0024	4.6	16.9	0.001	0.002	0.71
19	0.0330	5500	5,101	0.0030	5.8	22.7	0.001	0.004	0.71
20	0.0393	6460	5,980	0.0037	7.1	29.8	0.002	0.006	0.72
21	0.0458	7592	7,026	0.0045	8.6	38.4	0.003	0.008	0.72
22	0.0524	8903	8,248	0.0054	10.2	48.6	0.003	0.012	0.72
23	0.0591	10397	9,650	0.0064	12.2	60.7	0.004	0.016	0.73
24	0.0658	12061	11,229	0.0074	14.1	74.9	0.005	0.022	0.73
25	0.0726	13877	12,969	0.0087	16.6	91.5	0.007	0.029	0.74
26	0.0794	15813	14,845	0.0099	19.0	110.4	0.008	0.037	0.75
27	0.0861	17821	16,817	0.0111	21.2	131.6	0.010	0.047	0.762
28	0.0929	19852	18,837	0.0126	24.1	155.7	0.012	0.058	0.773
29	0.0997	21843	20,848	0.0140	26.7	182.4	0.014	0.072	0.78
30	0.1065	23734 ata \ Data A (22,789	0.0153	29.1	211.5	0.016 et Movement	0.088	0.803

	_	[14	*	<i>f</i> ∗ =	G14+I1	3			
	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	Н	1
1	9mm Pisto	l Cartridge					***************************************		
2	Typical Pr	ojectile Weight	(grains) =	115.0		Inpu	ts in Grey		
3	Typical Po	wder Charge (;	grains) =	6.0					
4	Cartridge D	Diameter (in) =		0.354			***************************************		
5	Cartridge A	.rea (in2) =		0.098					
6	Cartridge L	ength =		0.715					
7									
	Time	Pressure	Average	Impulse =	Velocity	Velocity	Distance	Distance	Distance
	(Msec)	(psi)	Pressure	(Force*time)	Change	Absolute	Change	Absolute	in the
8			(psi)	(Ib-sec)	(ft/sec)	(ft/sec)	(in)	(in)	Barrel
9									
10	0	0	0	0.0000	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.71
1	0.0001	2176	1,088	0.0000	0.0	0.0	0.000	0.000	0.71
2	0.0011	2320	2,248	0.0002	0.4	0.4	0.000	0.000	0.71
13	0.0039	2512	2,416	0.0007	1.3	1.7	0.000	0.000	0.71
14	·····	2763	2,638	0.0009	1.7	3.4	0.000	0.000	0.71
5	0.0114	3090	2,927	0.0012	2.3	5.7	0.000	0.000	0.71
16	0.0161	3510	3,300	0.0015	2.9	8.6	0.000	0.001	0.71
7	0.0214	4043	3,777	0.0020	3.8	12.3	0.001	0.001	0.71
8	0.0270	4701	4,372	0.0024	4.6	16.9	0.001	0.002	0.71
9	0.0330	5500	5,101	0.0030	5.8	22.7	0.001	0.004	0.71
20	0.0393	6460	5,980	0.0037	7.1	29.8	0.002	0.006	0.72
21	0.0458	7592	7,026	0.0045	8.6	38.4	0.003	0.008	0.72
22	0.0524	8903	8,248	0.0054	10.2	48.6	0.003	0.012	0.72
23	0.0591	10397	9,650	0.0064	12.2	60.7	0.004	0.016	0.73
24	0.0658	12061	11,229	0.0074	14.1	74.9	0.005	0.022	0.73
25	0.0726	13877	12,969	0.0087	16.6	91.5	0.007	0.029	0.74
26	0.0794	15813	14,845	0.0099	19.0	110.4	0.008	0.037	0.75
27	0.0861	17821	16,817	0.0111	21.2	131.6	0.010	0.047	0.76
18	0.0929	19852	18,837	0.0126	24.1	155.7	0.012	0.058	0.77
9	0.0997	21843	20,848	0.0140	26.7	182.4	0.014	0.072	0.78
30	0.1065	23734	22,789	0.0153	29.1	211.5	0.016	0.088	0.80

	\mathbf{D}'	76	•	f.	=SUM(D:	10:D74)			
	A	В	C	D	Е	F	G	Н	I
49	0.1698	27244	27,564	0.0174	33.2	539.5	0.040	0.371	1.086
50	0.1763	26475	26,860	0.0172	32.8	572.3	0.043	0.414	1.129
51	0.1830	25597	26,036	0.0172	32.8	605.1	0.047	0.462	1.17
52	0.1899	24628	25,113	0.0171	32.6	637.7	0.051	0.513	1.228
53	0.1972	23586	24,107	0.0173	33.1	670.8	0.057	0.570	1.28.
54	0.2047	22487	23,037	0.0170	32.5	703.3	0.062	0.632	1.34
55	0.2126	21346	21,917	0.0170	32.6	735.8	0.068	0.700	1.41.
56	0.2210	20175	20,761	0.0172	32.8	768.6	0.076	0.776	1.491
57	0.2298	18988	19,582	0.0170	32.4	801.0	0.083	0.859	1.57
58	0.2393	17795	18,392	0.0172	32.8	833.8	0.093	0.952	1.661
59	0.2493	16607	17,201	0.0169	32.3	866.2	0.102	1.054	1.769
60	0.2601	15431	16,019	0.0170	32.5	898.7	0.114	1.169	1.88
61	0.2718	14276	14,854	0.0171	32.7	931.4	0.128	1.297	2.013
62	0.2843	13150	13,713	0.0169	32.2	963.6	0.142	1.439	2.15
63	0.2980	12057	12,604	0.0170	32.5	996.1	0.161	1.600	2.31
64	0.3130	11004	11,531	0.0170	32.5	1,028.6	0.182	1.783	2.493
65	0.3294	9994	10,499	0.0169	32.4	1,061.0	0.206	1.988	2.703
66	0.3476	9032	9,513	0.0170	32.5	1,093.5	0.235	2.224	2.939
67	0.3676	8119	8,576	0.0169	32.2	1,125.7	0.266	2.490	3.20.
68	0.3900	7259	7,689	0.0170	32.4	1,158.1	0.307	2.797	3.51
69	0.4152	6452	6,856	0.0170	32.5	1,190.6	0.355	3.152	3.86
70	0.4435	5700	6,076	0.0169	32.3	1,222.9	0.410	3.562	4.27
71	0.4756	5003	5,352	0.0169	32.3	1,255.2	0.477	4.039	4.75
72	0.5124	4361	4,682	0.0170	32.4	1,287.6	0.561	4.600	5.31.
73	0.5546	3774	4,068	0.0169	32.3	1,319.9	0.660	5.261	5.97
74	0.5662	3635	3,705	0.0042	8.1	1,328.0	0.184	5.445	6.16
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76		28,793		0.695	1,328		5.445	***************************************	***************************************
77		Max		Impulse	Bullet Vel.		Bullet Travel	<u> </u>	***************************************
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	\mathbf{E}'	76	•	f≈	=SUM(E)	l0:E74)			
	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	Н	I
49	0.1698	27244	27,564	0.0174	33.2	539.5	0.040	0.371	1.086
50	0.1763	26475	26,860	0.0172	32.8	572.3	0.043	0.414	1.129
51	0.1830	25597	26,036	0.0172	32.8	605.1	0.047	0.462	1.177
52	0.1899	24628	25,113	0.0171	32.6	637.7	0.051	0.513	1.228
53	0.1972	23586	24,107	0.0173	33.1	670.8	0.057	0.570	1.285
54	0.2047	22487	23,037	0.0170	32.5	703.3	0.062	0.632	1.347
55	0.2126	21346	21,917	0.0170	32.6	735.8	0.068	0.700	1.415
56	0.2210	20175	20,761	0.0172	32.8	768.6	0.076	0.776	1.491
57	0.2298	18988	19,582	0.0170	32.4	801.0	0.083	0.859	1.574
58	0.2393	17795	18,392	0.0172	32.8	833.8	0.093	0.952	1.667
59	0.2493	16607	17,201	0.0169	32.3	866.2	0.102	1.054	1.769
60	0.2601	15431	16,019	0.0170	32.5	898.7	0.114	1.169	1.884
61	0.2718	14276	14,854	0.0171	32.7	931.4	0.128	1.297	2.012
62	0.2843	13150	13,713	0.0169	32.2	963.6	0.142	1.439	2.154
63	0.2980	12057	12,604	0.0170	32.5	996.1	0.161	1.600	2.315
64	0.3130	11004	11,531	0.0170	32.5	1,028.6	0.182	1.783	2.498
65	0.3294	9994	10,499	0.0169	32.4	1,061.0	0.206	1.988	2.703
66	0.3476	9032	9,513	0.0170	32.5	1,093.5	0.235	2.224	2.939
67	0.3676	8119	8,576	0.0169	32.2	1,125.7	0.266	2.490	3.205
68	0.3900	7259	7,689	0.0170	32.4	1,158.1	0.307	2.797	3.512
69	0.4152	6452	6,856	0.0170	32.5	1,190.6	0.355	3.152	3.867
70	0.4435	5700	6,076	0.0169	32.3	1,222.9	0.410	3.562	4.277
71	0.4756	5003	5,352	0.0169	32.3	1,255.2	0.477	4.039	4.754
72	0.5124	4361	4,682	0.0170	32.4	1,287.6	0.561	4.600	5.315
73	0.5546	3774	4,068	0.0169	32.3	1,319.9	0.660	5.261	5.976
74	0.5662	3635	3,705	0.0042	8.1	1,328.0	0.184	5.445	6.160
75		•••••	***************************************	***************************************			***************************************	***************************************	
76	***************************************	28,793	***************************************	0.695	1,328		5.445	***************************************	
77	***************************************	Max	1	Impulse	Bullet Vel.		Bullet Travel		
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	\mathbf{G}'	76	•	f _x	=SUM(G:	10:G74)			
	A	В	C	D	Е	F	G	Н	I
49	0.1698	27244	27,564	0.0174	33.2	539.5	0.040	0.371	1.086
50	0.1763	26475	26,860	0.0172	32.8	572.3	0.043	0.414	1.129
51	0.1830	25597	26,036	0.0172	32.8	605.1	0.047	0.462	1.177
52	0.1899	24628	25,113	0.0171	32.6	637.7	0.051	0.513	1.228
53	0.1972	23586	24,107	0.0173	33.1	670.8	0.057	0.570	1.285
54	0.2047	22487	23,037	0.0170	32.5	703.3	0.062	0.632	1.347
55	0.2126	21346	21,917	0.0170	32.6	735.8	0.068	0.700	1.415
56	0.2210	20175	20,761	0.0172	32.8	768.6	0.076	0.776	1.491
57	0.2298	18988	19,582	0.0170	32.4	801.0	0.083	0.859	1.574
58	0.2393	17795	18,392	0.0172	32.8	833.8	0.093	0.952	1.667
59	0.2493	16607	17,201	0.0169	32.3	866.2	0.102	1.054	1.769
60	0.2601	15431	16,019	0.0170	32.5	898.7	0.114	1.169	1.884
61	0.2718	14276	14,854	0.0171	32.7	931.4	0.128	1.297	2.012
62	0.2843	13150	13,713	0.0169	32.2	963.6	0.142	1.439	2.154
63	0.2980	12057	12,604	0.0170	32.5	996.1	0.161	1.600	2.315
64	0.3130	11004	11,531	0.0170	32.5	1,028.6	0.182	1.783	2.498
65	0.3294	9994	10,499	0.0169	32.4	1,061.0	0.206	1.988	2.703
66	0.3476	9032	9,513	0.0170	32.5	1,093.5	0.235	2.224	2.939
67	0.3676	8119	8,576	0.0169	32.2	1,125.7	0.266	2.490	3.205
68	0.3900	7259	7,689	0.0170	32.4	1,158.1	0.307	2.797	3.512
69	0.4152	6452	6,856	0.0170	32.5	1,190.6	0.355	3.152	3.867
70	0.4435	5700	6,076	0.0169	32.3	1,222.9	0.410	3.562	4.277
71	0.4756	5003	5,352	0.0169	32.3	1,255.2	0.477	4.039	4.754
72	0.5124	4361	4,682	0.0170	32.4	1,287.6	0.561	4.600	5.315
73	0.5546	3774	4,068	0.0169	32.3	1,319.9	0.660	5.261	5.976
74	0.5662	3635	3,705	0.0042	8.1	1,328.0	0.184	5.445	6.160
75			***************************************						
76		28,793		0.695	1,328		5.445		
77		Max	************************	Impulse	Bullet Vel.		Bullet Travel		***************************************
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Appendix III Excel Screen Shots for Determining Firearm Round Per Minute Level Assuming Frictional Drag and Including Elasticity

The following screen shots will assist you set up your own Excel spreadsheet for determining the functional performance of a blowback firearm assuming frictional drag and including elasticity as in Chapter III.

	A	В	C	D	Е	F	G	H	I	J
	STEN G	un Analysi	is Based On I	Derived For	mulas and A	Assuming I	rictional D	rag	Inputs i	n Grey
2									_	
3	Bullet We	ight (grains)=	Wp	115	***************************************	Calculated	Terms:		•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
	Powder C	Charge Wgt	t (grains) =	Pc	6.0		Wgt of Recoiling Parts		Wt (lbs) =	1.4
5	Impulse (1	b-sec) =		I	0.695		Recoiling 1	Mass Mr =		0.003
5	Bolt Weig	ht (lbs) =		Wb	1.295		Er (in-lbs)	=		66.
1	Extractor	Weight & 3	Spring (lbs) =	We	0.0156		Q Term =			18.2
}	Cocking F	Handle Wei	ight (lbs)	Wc	0.073		a Term =			7.8
)	Return Sp	ring Weigh	t (lbs)=	Ws	0.045		B Term =			0.0
)	Full Bolt S	Stroke (in) =	=	D	5.515		Grav. Con	stant - (lbs-s	ec2/in) = g	386.
1	Bolt Dyna	mic Friction	n Coef=	σ	0.250					
2	Initial Spg	Force on I	Bolt (lbs) =	Fo	5.55		Calc. Reco	oil Time T (S	ec) =	0.048
3	Spring Co	nstant (lbs/	(in) =	K	2.240		Calc. Cou	nter Recoil T	t (sec) =	0.051
4	Firing Ang	de (degrees	s) =	θ	0		Calc. RPM	ſ=		60
5	Elasticity (Coefficient:	=	Ε	0.00					
6										
	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter
	Time	Friction	(lbs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil
	(sec)	Force		Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity
7		(lbs)		(lbs)		(in/sec)				(in/sec)
3	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
)	0.0019	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1
)	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0136	0.441	55.2
1	0 0058 ▶ ¥1\ Dat a	, 03	ΛΛ istance Vs Time	0.3 Recoil Veloci	1,078	-4 ∩ Counter Reco	182.8	0.0166 Bolt Return 1	0.662	71.5

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	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	STEN G	ın Analysi	s Based On I	Derived For	mulas and A	ssuming F	rictional D	rag	Inputs ir	Grey
2			<u> </u>					<u></u>		
3		ight (grains		Wp	115		Calculated		l	
4		harge Wgt	(grains) =	Pc	6.0			coiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.40
5	Impulse (1			I	0.695		Recoiling 1			0.0036
6	Bolt Weig	ht (lbs) =		Wb	1.295		Er (in-lbs)	=		66.7
7	Extractor	Weight & :	Spring (lbs) =	We	0.0156		Q Term =			18.27
8	Cocking I	Iandle Wei	ght (lbs)	Wc	0.073		a Term =			7.83
9	Return Sp	ring Weigh	t (lbs)=	Ws	0.045		B Term =			0.00
10	Full Bolt S	troke (in)	=	D	5 515		Grav. Con	stant - (lbs-s	sec2/in) = g	386.4
11	Bolt Dyna	mic Frictio	n Coef=	σ	0.250					
12	Initial Spg	Force on l	Bolt (lbs) =	Fo	5,55		Calc. Reco	oil Time T (S	ec) =	0.048
13	Spring Co	nstant (lbs/	in) =	K	2.240		Calc. Cou	nter Recoil T	t (sec) =	0.0511
14	Firing Ang	de (degree:	s) =	θ	0		Calc. RPN	1=		605
15	Elasticity (Coefficient	=	Е	0.00					
16										
	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter
	Time	Friction	(lbs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil
	(sec)	Force		Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity
17		(lbs)		(lbs)		(in/sec)				(in/sec)
17 18	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 19	0.0000	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1
20	0.0019	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	-3.6	186.8	0.0036	0.221	55.2
20 21	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.079	-3.0	180.8	0.0136	0.441	71.5
21			istance Vs Time	Recoil Veloc		Counter Reco		Bolt Return	(ILDDZ I	

	J6	•	•	№ =PO	WER (E5,2)*0.5/15				
	Α	В	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	STEN Gu	m Analysi	s Based On I	erived For	mulas and A	ssuming F	rictional D	rag	Inputs 11	ı Grey
2										
3	Bullet Wei	ight (grains)	=	Wp	115		Calculated	Terms:		WW.W. T. W.
4	Powder C	harge Wgt	(grains) =	Pc	5.0		Wgt of Re	coiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.4
5	Impulse (li	o-sec) =		I	0.695		Recoiling 1	Mass Mr =		0.003
6	Bolt Weig	ht (1bs) =	****************	WЬ	1.295		Er (in-lbs)	=		66.
7	Extractor	Weight & S	pring (lbs) =	We	0.0156		Q Term =	:		18.2
8	Cocking F	Iandle Wei	ght (lbs)	Wc	0.073		a Term =			7.8
9	Return Sp	ring Weight	: (lbs)=	Ws	0.045		B Term =			0.0
10	Full Bolt S	troke (in) =	=	D	5,515		Grav. Con	stant - (lbs-s	ec2/in) = g	386.
11	Bolt Dyna	mic Friction	n Coef=	σ	0.250					
12	Initial Spg	Force on I	3olt (lbs) =	Fο	5.55		Calc. Reco	oil Time T (S	ec) =	0.048
13	Spring Co	nstant (lbs/	in) =	K	2.240		Calc. Cour	nter Recoil T	't (sec) =	0.051
14	Firing Ang	de (degrees)=	θ	0		Calc. RPN	1 =		60
15	Elasticity (Coefficient:	_	Е	0.00	F				XXXX 12121044444444444444444444
16										
	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter
	Time	Friction	(lbs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil
	(sec)	Force		Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity
17		(lbs)		(lbs)		(in/sec)				(in/sec)
18	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	0.0019	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1
20	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0136	0.441	55.2
21	0.0058	0.3	0.0. stance Vs Time	0.3	1.078	-4.0	182.8	0.0166	0.662	71.5

	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	H	1	J
1	STEN G	ın Analysi	s Based On I	erived For	mulas and A	ssuming I	rictional D	rag	Inputs u	n Grey
2										
3	Bullet We	ight (grains)=	Wp	115		Calculated	Terms		
4	Powder C	harge Wgt	(grains) =	Pc	6.0		Wgt of Re	coiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.4
5	Impulse (1	b-sec) =		I	0.695		Recoiling 1	Mass Mr =		0.0036
6	Bolt Weig	tht (lbs) =		Wb	1 295		Er (in-lbs)	=		66.1
7	Extractor	Weight &	Spring (lbs) =	We	0.0156	************************	Q Term =			18.27
8	Cocking I	Handle We	ight (lbs)	Wc	0.073		a Term =			7.83
9	Return Sp	ring Weigh	t (lbs)=	Ws	0.045		B Term =			0.00
10	Full Bolt S	Stroke (in)	=	D	5.515		Grav. Con	stant - (lbs-s	sec2/in) = g	386.4
11	Bolt Dyna	mic Frictio	n Coef=	σ	0.250					
12	Initial Spg	Force on l	Bolt (lbs) =	Fo	5.55		Calc. Rec	oil Time T (S	ec) =	0.048
13	Spring Co	nstant (lbs/	(in) =	K	2,240		Calc. Cou	nter Recoil T	t (sec) =	0.051
14	Firing Ang	de (degree:	s) =	θ	0		Calc. RPN	<u> </u>		60:
15	Elasticity	Coefficient	=	Е	0,00	*******************			***************************************	
16	•	*****************								******
	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter
	Time	Friction	(lbs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil
	(sec)	Force		Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity
17		(lbs)		(lbs)		(in/sec)				(in/sec)
17	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	0.0000	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1
20	0.0019	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0036	0.221	55.2
20	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.078	-3.0 -4.0	182.8	0.0156	0.441	71.5
(4			stance Vs Time	Recoil Veloci		Counter Reco		Bolt Return 1		

	Α	В	C	Т	F.	F	G	H	T	J
1		£	s Based On I	.t		*			Inputs i	
2			*******************			······································		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	•	•
3	Bullet We	ight (grains)=	Wp	115		Calculated	Terms		
4	Powder C	harge Wgt	(grains) =	Pc	6.0		Wgt of Re	coiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.40
5	Impulse (I	b-sec) =		I	0,695		Recoiling 1	Mass Mr =		0.0036
6	Bolt Weig	ht (lbs) =		Wb	1.295		Er (in-lbs)	=		66.7
7	Extractor	Weight & :	Spring (lbs) =	We	0.0156		Q Term =			18.27
8	Cocking I	Handle Wei	ght (lbs)	Wc	0.073		a Term =		6	7.83
9	Return Sp	ring Weigh	t (lbs)=	Ws	0.045		B Term =			0.00
10	Full Bolt S	troke (in)	=	D	5.515		Grav. Con	stant - (lbs-s	sec2/in) = g	386.4
11	Bolt Dyna	mic Friction	n Coef=	σ	0.250					
12	Initial Spg	Force on I	Bolt (lbs) =	Fo	5.55		Calc. Reco	oil Time T (S	ec) =	0.0481
13	Spring Co	nstant (lbs/	in) =	K	2.240		Calc. Cou	nter Recoil T	't (sec) =	0.0511
14	Firing Ang	de (degrees	i) =	θ	0		Calc. RPM	ſ=		605
15	Elasticity (Coefficient	=	E	0.00					
16										
	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter
	Time	Friction	(lbs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil
	(sec)	Force		Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity
17		(lbs)		(lbs)		(in/sec)				(in/sec)
18	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	0.0019	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1
20	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0136	0.441	55.2
21	0.0058 ▶ ₩\ D ata	_0.3		∩ 3 Recoil Veloci	1.078	_4. (). Counter Reco	182.8	0.0166 Bolt Return	0.662	71.5

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	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	STEN G	ın Analysi	s Based On I	Derived For	mulas and A	ssuming F	rictional D	rag	Inputs in	i Grey
2								<u> </u>		<u> </u>
3	Bullet Wei	ight (grains)=	Wp	115		Calculated			
4	Powder C	harge Wgt	(grains) =	Pc	6.0		Wgt of Re	coiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.40
5	Impulse (l	o-sec) =		Ι	0.695		Recoiling 1	Mass Mr=		0.0036
6	Bolt Weig	ht (lbs) =	1	WЪ	1 295		Er (in-lbs)	=		66.7
7	Extractor	Weight & S	Spring (lbs) =	We	0.0156		Q Term =			18.27
8	Cocking F	Iandle Wei	ight (lbs)	Wc	0.073		a Term =			7.83
9	Return Sp	ring Weigh	t (lbs)=	Ws	0 045		B Term =	<u>.</u>		0.00
0	Full Bolt S	troke (in)	=	D	5.515		Grav. Con	stant - (lbs-s	ec2/in) = g	386.4
1	Bolt Dyna	mic Friction	n Coef=	σ	0.250					
2	Initial Spg	Force on I	Bolt (lbs) =	Fo	5.55		Calc. Reco	oil Time T (S	ec) =	0.0481
13	Spring Co	nstant (lbs/	(in) =	K	2.240		Calc. Cour	nter Recoil T	t (sec) =	0.0511
4	Firing Ang	de (degrees	s) =	θ	0		Calc. RPN	ſ=		605
15	Elasticity (Coefficient	=	Е	0.00					
16										
	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter
	Time	Friction	(lbs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil
	(sec)	Force		Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity
17		(lbs)	ĺ	(lbs)		(in/sec)				(in/sec)
18	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	0.0000	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1
20	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0036	0.441	55.2
21	0.0058	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.078	-4.0	182.8	0.0156	0.662	71.5

	A.	В	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	
1	STEN Gu	ın Analysi	s Based On I	Derived For	mulas and A	ssuming F	rictional Di	rag	Inputs in	n Grey	
2											
3	Bullet Wei	ight (grains)=	Wp	115		Calculated	Terms:			
4	Powder C	harge Wgt	(grains) =	Pc	6.0		Wgt of Re	coiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.40	
5	Impulse (ll	o-sec) =		I	0.695		Recoiling 1	Mass Mr=		0.0036	
5	Bolt Weig	ht (lbs) =		WЪ	1.295		Er (in-lbs)	=		66.7	
7	Extractor	Weight & S	Spring (lbs) =	We	0.0156		Q Term =			18.27	
3	Cocking F	Iandle Wei	ght (lbs)	Wc	0.073		a Term =			7.83	
9	Return Sp	ring Weigh	t (lbs)=	Ws	0.045		B Term =			0.00	
0	Full Bolt S	troke (in)	=	D	5.515		Grav. Con	stant - (lbs-s	ec2/in) = g	386.4	
1	Bolt Dyna	mic Frictio	n Coef=	σ	0.250						
2	Initial Spg	Force on l	Bolt (Ibs) =	Fo	5.55		Calc. Reco	oil Time T (S	ec)=	0.0481	
3	Spring Co	nstant (lbs/	in) =	K	2.240		Calc. Cour	nter Recoil T	t (sec) =	0.0511	
4	Firing Ang	de (degrees	s) =	θ	0		Calc. RPM	1 =		605	
5	Elasticity (Coefficient	=	Е	0.00						
6											
	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter	
	Time	Friction	(lbs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	
	(sec)	Force		Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity	
7		(lbs)		(lbs)		(in/sec)				(in/sec)	
/ 8	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	1 0	0	0	0	
8 9	0.0000	0.3		0.3				0.0096	0.221	23.1	*****
0 A	0.0019	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4 186.8	0.0096	0.221	55.2	
1		0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6 -4.0	180.8	0.0136	0.662	71.5	

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****	Bullet We	ight (grains)	! =	Wp	115		Calculated	Terms:	,			
-		harge Wgt		Pc	6.0		Wgt of Re	coiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.40		
*****	Impulse (I			I	0.695		Recoiling 1			0.0036		
****		ht (lbs) =		Wb	1.295		Er (in-lbs)	=		66.7		
-			opring (lbs) =	We	0.0156		Q Term =	<u> </u>		18.27		
3	Cocking F	Iandle Wei	ght (lbs)	Wc	0.073		a Term =	İ		7.83		
,	Return Sp	ring Weight	: (lbs)=	Ws	0.045		B Term =	1		0.00		
0	Full Bolt S	troke (in) =	=	D	5.515		Grav. Con	stant - (lbs-s	sec2/in) = g	386.4		
1	Bolt Dyna	mic Friction	Coef=	σ	0.250							
2	Initial Spg	Force on I	Bolt (lbs) =	Fo	5.55		Calc. Reco	oil Time T (S	ec) =	0.0481		
3	Spring Co	nstant (lbs/	in) =	K	2.240		Calc. Cour	nter Recoil T	t (sec) =	0.0511		
4	Firing Ang	de (degrees)=	θ	0		Calc. RPM	<u> </u>		605		
5	Elasticity (Coefficient :	=	Ε	0,00							
6												
	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter		
	Time	Friction	(lbs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil		
	(sec)	Force		Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity		× .
7		(lbs)		(lbs)		(in/sec)	1			(in/sec)		
8	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
9	0.0019	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1		
0	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0136	0.441	55.2		
1	D DOSS	Ascal Dis	0.0	0.3	1.078	-4 0	182.8 Distance	0.0166	0.662	71.5		*************

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	A.	B	_ C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	STEN G	ın Analysı	s Based On I	erived For	mulas and A	ssuming 1	rictional Di	rag	Inputs i	n Grey
2 3	T) # . 37.F	111	<u> </u>	777	115		Calculated	Т		
		ight (grains)		Wp Pc	60				377. 01. \	
		harge Wgt	(grains) =	£			j	coiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.40
5	Impulse (1)			I	0.695		Recoiling M			0.0036
	Bolt Weig		L	Wb	1.295	*************	Er (in-lbs)		~~~~	66.7
*******			Spring (lbs) =	We	0.0156		Q Term =			18.27
		Iandle Wei		Wc	0.073	***************************************	a Term =			7.83
		ring Weight		Ws	0.045		B Term =			0.00
		Stroke (in) =		D	5.515		Grav. Con	stant - (lbs-s	ec2/in) = g	386.4
1	Bolt Dyna	mic Friction	n Coef=	σ	0.250					
2	Initial Spg	Force on I	Bolt (lbs) =	Fo	5.55		Calc. Reco	il Time T (S	ec)=	0.0481
3	Spring Co	nstant (lbs/:	in) =	K	2.240		Calc. Cour	nter Recoil T	t (sec) =	0.0511
4	Firing Ang	de (degrees)=	θ	0		Calc. RPM	[=		605
5	Elasticity (Coefficient :	=	E	0.00					MILLIANDING DETA PARMACEN
6										
	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter
	Time	Friction	(lbs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil
	(sec)	Force		Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity
7		(lbs)		(lbs)		(in/sec)				(in/sec)
8	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0.0019	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1
0	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0136	0.441	55.2
1	0.0058	0.3	nn	0.3	1.078	-4.0	182.8	0.0166 Bolt Return	0.662	71.5

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	A	В	C	D	Ε	F	G	H	I	J
1	STEN G	m Analysí	s Based On I	erived For	mulas and A	ssuming F	rictional D	rag	Inputs in	Grey
2										
3	Bullet Wei	ight (grains))=	Wp	115		Calculated	Terms:		
4	Powder C	harge Wgt	(grains) =	Pc	6.0		Wgt of Re	coiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.4
5	Impulse (l	o-sec) =		I	0.695		Recoiling 1	Mass Mr =		0.003
5	Bolt Weig	ht (lbs) =		Wb	1.295	-	Er (in-lbs)	=	{	66.1
7	Extractor	Weight & S	Spring (lbs) =	We	0.0156		Q Term =			18.2
3	Cocking F	Iandle Wei	ght (lbs)	Wc	0.073		a Term =			7.83
)	Return Sp	ring Weigh	t (lbs)=	Ws	0.045		B Term =			0.0
0	Full Bolt S	troke (in) :	=	D	5.515		Grav. Con	stant - (lbs-s	ec2/in) = g	386.4
1	Bolt Dyna	mic Friction	n Coef=	σ	0.250					
2	Initial Spg	Force on I	Bolt (Ibs) =	Fo	5.55		Calc. Reco	oil Time T (S	ec) =	0.048
3	Spring Co	nstant (lbs/	in) =	K	2,240		Calc. Cou	nter Recoil T	't (sec) =	0.051
4	Firing Ang	de (degrees	;) =	θ	0		Calc. RPM	<u>f</u> =		60:
5	Elasticity (Coefficient	=	Е	0.00					
6										
	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter
	Time	Friction	(lbs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil
	(sec)	Force		Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity
7		(lbs)		(lbs)		(in/sec)				(in/sec)
8	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0.0019	0.3	0.0	0.3	0:366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1
20	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0136	0.441	55.2
1	0.0058	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.078	-4.0	182.8	0.0166	0.662	71.5

	B1	9	•	£ =E11	L*J4*COS	(E14*3.1-	415/180)			
•	A	В	С	D	Ε	F	G	H	I	J
	STEN G	ın Analysi	s Based On I	erived For	mulas and A	ssuming F	rictional D	rag	Inputs ir	ı Grey
`	Bullet We	ight (grains))=	Wp	115		Calculated	Terms:		
4	Powder C	harge Wgt	(grains) =	Pc	6.0		Wgt of Re	coiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.40
5	Impulse (ll	o-sec) =		I	0.695		Recoiling 1	Mass Mr=		0.0036
6	Bolt Weig	ht (lbs) =		Wъ	1.295		Er (in-lbs)	_		66.7
7	Extractor	Weight &	Spring (lbs) =	We	0.0156		Q Term =			18.27
8	Cocking F	Iandle Wei	ght (lbs)	Wc	0.073		a Term =			7.83
9	Return Sp	ring Weigh	t (lbs)=	Ws	0.045		B Term =			0.00
0	Full Bolt S	troke (in):	=	D	5.515		Grav. Con	stant - (lbs-s	ec2/in) = g	386.4
1	Bolt Dyna	mic Friction	n Coef=	σ	0.250					
2	Initial Spg	Force on I	Bolt (Ibs) =	Fo	5.55		Calc. Reco	oil Time T (S	ec) =	0.0481
3	Spring Co	nstant (lbs/	in) =	K	2.240		Calc. Cou	nter Recoil T	t (sec) =	0.0511
4	Firing Ang	de (degrees	3) =	θ	0		Calc. RPN	1=		605
5	Elasticity (Coefficient	=	E	0.00					
6			f.							
	Recoil Time	Bolt Friction	Gravity Loss	Sum of Retarding	Recoil Distance	Recoil Velocity	Recoil Velocity	Counter Recoil	Counter Recoil	Counter Recoil
17	(sec)	Force (lbs)	(100)	Forces (lbs)	(in)	Change (in/sec)	(in/sec)		Distance (in)	Velocity (in/sec)
8	0 0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0.0000	0.3	0.0	0.3	0 366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1
20	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0036	0.221	55.2
)1	0.0059	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.078	-4.0	182.8	0.0156	0.662	71.5

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	Bullet We	ight (grains	<u></u>	Wp	115		Calculated	Terms:		
4	and the contract of the contra	harge Wgt		Pc	6.0	*********		coiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.4
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	Bolt Weig			Wb	1.295		Er (in-lbs)			661
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8		Handle Wei		Wc	0.073		a Term =			7.83
		ring Weigh		Ws	0.045		B Term =			0.00
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	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter
	Time	Friction	(lbs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil
	(sec)	Force	(0.0)	Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity
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17		, ,		` '		` '				
18	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	0.0019	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1
20	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0136	0.441	55.2
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	A	В	C	U	E	F	G	H	I	J
1 2	STEN G	ın Analysi	s Based On I	Derived For	mulas and A	ssuming I	Frictional D	rag	Inputs i	ı Grey
3	Bullet We	ight (grains))=	Wp	115	***************************************	Calculated	Terms:		
4	Powder C	harge Wgt	(grains) =	Pc	6.0		Wgt of Re	coiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.40
5	Impulse (l	b-sec) =		I	0.695		Recoiling 1	Aass Mr =		0.0036
6	Bolt Weig	ht (lbs) =		WЪ	1.295		Er (in-lbs)	=		66.7
7	Extractor	Weight & S	Spring (lbs) =	We	0.0156		Q Term =			18.27
8	Cocking F	Iandle Wei	ght (lbs)	Wc	0.073		a Term =			7.83
9	Return Sp	ring Weigh	t (lbs)=	Ws	0,045		B Term =			0.00
10	Full Bolt S	troke (in) =	=	D	5.515		Grav. Con	stant - (lbs-s	sec2/in) = g	386.4
11	Bolt Dyna	mic Friction	n Coef=	σ	0.250					
12	Initial Spg	Force on I	Bolt (lbs) =	Fo	5.55		Calc. Reco	oil Time T (S	Sec) =	0.0481
13	Spring Co	nstant (lbs/	in) =	K	2.240		Calc. Cou	nter Recoil T	it (sec) =	0.0511
14	Firing Ang	de (degrees) =	θ	0		Calc. RPM	ſ=		605
15	Elasticity (Coefficient:	=	Е	0.00					
16										
	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter
	Time	Friction	(lbs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil
	(sec)	Force		Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity
17		(lbs)		(lbs)		(in/sec)				(in/sec)
18	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	0.0019	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1
20	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0136	0.441	55.2
21	0.0058	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.078	-4.0	182.8	0.0166 Bolt Return 1	0.662	71.5

	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	I.
1	STEN G	ın Analysi	s Based On I	Derived For	mulas and A	ssuming F	rictional D	rag	Inputs it	i Grey		
2												
3	Bullet We	ight (grains)=	Wp	115		Calculated	Terms:				
4	Powder C	harge Wgt	(grains) =	Pc	6.0		Wgt of Re	coiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.40		
5	Impulse (1	b-sec) =		I	0.695		Recoiling 1	Mass Mr =		0.0036		
6	Bolt Weig	ht (lbs) =		WЪ	1 295		Er (in-lbs)	=		66.7		
7	Extractor	Weight &	Spring (lbs) =	We	0.0156		Q Term =			18.27		
		Iandle Wei		Wc	0.073		a Term =			7.83		
9	Return Sp	ning Weigh	t (lbs)=	Ws	0.045		B Term =			0.00		
		troke (in)		D	5.515		Grav. Con	stant - (lbs-s	ec2/in) = g	386.4		
11	Bolt Dyna	mic Friction	n Coef=	σ	0.250				π			
12	Initial Spg	itial Spg Force on Bolt (lbs) =			5.55		Calc. Reco	oil Time T (S	ec) =	0.0481		
		pring Constant (lbs/in) =			2.240		Calc. Cou	nter Recoil T	t (sec) =	0.0511		
		de (degrees		θ	0		Calc. RPN	1=		605		
		Coefficient		Е	0.00							-
16		;	1									
	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter		
	Time	Friction	(Ibs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil		
	(sec)	Force		Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity		
	, ,	(lbs)		(lbs)	` '	(in/sec)				(in/sec)		
17 18	0.0000	0	0 -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
19	0.0000	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1		
	0.0019	0.3	0.0		0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0096	0.221	55.2		·
20				0.3	1.078		186.8			71.5		
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	A	В	С	D	E	F	G	H	Ι	J
1	STEN Gu	m Analysi	s Based On I	erived For	mulas and A	ssuming F	rictional Di	ag	Inputs ir	ı Grey
2										
3	Bullet Wei	ght (grains)) =	Wp	115		Calculated	Terms:		
4	Powder C	harge Wgt	(grains) =	Pc	6.0		Wgt of Red	oiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.4
5	Impulse (lb	o-sec) =		Ι	0.695		Recoiling N	Aass Mr=		0.003
5	Bolt Weigl	ht (1bs) =		WЪ	1.295		Er (in-1bs)	=		66.1
7	Extractor '	Weight & S	Spring (lbs) =	We	0.0156		Q Term=			18.2
3	Cocking H	Iandle Wei	ght (lbs)	Wc	0.073		a Term =			7.83
9	Return Spr	ring Weight	t (lbs)=	Ws	0.045		B Term =			0.00
0	Full Bolt S	troke (in) =	=	D	5.515		Grav. Cons	stant - (lbs-s	ec2/in) = g	386.4
1	Bolt Dyna	mic Friction	n Coef=	σ	0.250		***************************************			***************************************
2	Initial Spg	Force on E	Bolt (lbs) =	Fο	5.55		Calc. Reco	il Time T (S	ec) =	0.048
3	Spring Co	nstant (lbs/i	in) =	K	2.240		Calc. Cour	iter Recoil T	't (sec) =	0.051
4	Firing Ang	de (degrees) =	θ	0	0 Calc. RPM				60:
15	Elasticity (Coefficient :	=	E	0.00					
6										
	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter
	Time	Friction	(lbs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil
	(sec)	Force		Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity
7		(Ibs)		(lbs)		(in/sec)				(in/sec)
8	0.0000	0	. 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0.0019	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1
20	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0136	0.441	55.2
21	0.0058	0.3	0 0 stance Vs Time	0.3	1.078 ty Vs Time ./	-4 N	182.8	0.0166	0.662	71.5

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	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	STEN G	un Analysi	s Based On I	Derived For	mulas and A	ssuming F	rictional D	rag	Inputs n	ı Grey
2										
3	Bullet We	ight (grains))=	Wp	115		Calculated	Terms:		
4	Powder C	harge Wgt	(grains) =	Pc	6.0		Wgt of Re	coiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.40
5	Impulse (1	b-sec) =		I	0.695		Recoiling 1	Aass Mr =		0.0036
6	Bolt Weig	ht (lbs) =		Wb	1.295		Er (in-lbs)	=		66.1
7	Extractor	Weight &	Spring (lbs) =	We	0,0156		Q Term =			18.2
8	Cocking I	Handle Wei	ght (lbs)	Wc	0,073		a Term =			7.83
9	Return Sp	ring Weigh	t (lbs)=	Ws	0.045		B Term =			0.00
10	Full Bolt S	Stroke (in) :	=	D	5.515		Grav. Con	stant - (lbs-s	sec2/in) = g	386.4
11	Bolt Dyna	mic Friction	n Coef=	σ	0,250					
12	Initial Spg	Force on I	Bolt (lbs) =	Fo	5.55		Calc. Reco	oil Time T (S	lec) =	0.048
13	ş	nstant (lbs/		K	2.240		Calc. Cour	nter Recoil T	t (sec) =	0.051
14	Firing Ans	de (degrees	s) =	θ	0			60:		
15	Elasticity (Coefficient:	=	Е	0.00			Y		
16										
	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter
	Time	Friction	(lbs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil
	(sec)	Force		Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity
	()	(lbs)		(lbs)		(in/sec)	,		()	(in/sec)
17				, ,			-			
18	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	0.0019	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1
20	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0136	0.441	55.2
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2		,							•	•	*************	
3	Bullet Wei	ght (grains)=	Wp	115		Calculated	Terms:				
4	Powder C	harge Wgt	(grains) =	Pc	6.0	*************	Wgt of Re	coiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.40		
5	Impulse (Il	o-sec) =		I	0.695		Recoiling 1	Aass Mr=		0.0036		
5	Bolt Weig	ht (lbs) =		Wb	1.295		Er (in-lbs)	=		66.7		
7	Extractor	Weight & 3	Spring (lbs) =	We	0.0156	***************************************	Q Term =			18.27		
3	Cocking F	Iandle Wei	ght (lbs)	Wc	0.073		a Term =			7.83		
9	Return Sp	ring Weigh	t (lbs)=	Ws	0.045		B Term =			0.00		
0	Full Bolt S	troke (in)	=	D	5.515		Grav. Con	stant - (lbs-s	ec2/in) = g	386.4		
1	Bolt Dyna	mic Friction	n Coef=	σ	0.250							
2	Initial Spg	itial Spg Force on Bolt (lbs) =			5.55		Calc. Reco	il Time T (S	ec) =	0.0481		
3	Spring Co	oring Constant (lbs/in) =			2.240		Calc. Cou	nter Recoil T	't (sec) =	0.0511		
4	Firing Ang	le (degrees	s) =	θ	0		Calc. RPN	[=		605		
5	Elasticity (Coefficient	=	E	0.00							
6												
	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter		
	Time	Friction	(lbs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil		
	(sec)	Force		Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity		
7		(lbs)		(lbs)		(in/sec)				(m/sec)		
8	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
9	0.0019	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1		
0	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0136	0.441	55.2		
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			s Based On I				4		Inputs ir	Grev
2									•	•
3	Bullet Wei	ght (grains))=	Wp	115		Calculated	Terms:		
1	Powder C	harge Wgt	(grains) =	Pc	6.0		Wgt of Re	coiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.40
)	Impulse (li	o-sec) =		I	0.695		Recoiling 1	Aass Mr =		0.003
;	Bolt Weig	ht (1bs) =		Wb	1 295		Er (in-lbs)	=		66.1
,	Extractor	Weight & S	opring (lbs) =	We	0.0156		Q Term =			18.2
3	Cocking E	Iandle Wei	ght (lbs)	Wc	0.073		a Term =			7.83
,	Return Sp	ring Weigh	t (lbs)=	Ws	0.045		B Term =			0.0
0	Full Bolt S	troke (in) =	=	D	5.515		Grav. Con:	stant - (lbs-s	ec2/in) = g	386.
1	Bolt Dyna	mic Friction	n Coef =	σ	0.250					
2	Initial Spg	Force on I	Bolt (lbs) =	Fo	5.55		Calc. Reco	oil Time T (S	ec) =	0.048
3	Spring Co	nstant (lbs/	in) =	K	2.240		Calc. Cour	nter Recoil T	't (sec) =	0.051
4	Firing Ang	de (degrees	:) =	θ	0		Calc. RPM		60	
5	Elasticity (Coefficient	=	Ε	0.00					
6										
	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter
	Time	Friction	(lbs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil
	(sec)	Force		Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity
7		(lbs)		(lbs)		(in/sec)	0			(in/sec)
8	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0.0019	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1
0	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0136	0.441	55.2
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1	STEN G	ın Analysi	s Based On I	erived For	mulas and A	ssuming F	rictional D	rag	Inputs i	ı Grey
2										
3	Bullet Wei	ght (grains))=	Wp	115		Calculated	Terms:		
4	Powder C	harge Wgt	(grains) =	Pc	6.0		Wgt of Re	coiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.4
5	Impulse (li	o-sec) =		I	0.695		Recoiling 1	Mass Mr =		0.003
6	Bolt Weig	ht (lbs) =		Wъ	1.295		Er (in-lbs)	=		66.
7	Extractor	Weight & 3	Spring (lbs) =	We	0.0156		Q Term =			18.2
8	Cocking F	Iandle Wei	ght (lbs)	Wc	0.073		a Term =			7.8
9	Return Sp	ring Weigh	t (lbs)=	Ws	0.045		B Term =			0.0
0	Full Bolt S	troke (in)	=	D	5.515		Grav. Con	stant - (lbs-s	ec2/in) = g	386.
1	Bolt Dyna	mic Friction	n Coef=	σ	0.250					
12	Initial Spg	Force on l	Bolt (lbs) =	Fo	5.55		Calc. Reco	oil Time T (S	ec) =	0.048
13	Spring Co	nstant (lbs/	in) =	K	2.240		Calc. Cou	nter Recoil T	t (sec) =	0.051
14	Firing Ang	de (degrees	s) =	θ	0		60			
15	Elasticity (Coefficient	-	Е	0.00					
16							,			
	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter
	Time	Friction	(lbs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil
	(sec)	Force		Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity
17		(lbs)		(lbs)		(in/sec)				(in/sec)
18	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	0.0019	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1
20	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0136	0.441	55.2
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	A	В	C	D	Е	F	G	H	I	J
1	STEN G	un Analysi	is Based On I	erived For	mulas and A	ssuming I	rictional D	rag	Inputs a	a Grey
2		y		***************************************						•
3	Bullet We	ight (grains)=	Wp	115		Calculated			
4	Powder C	harge Wgt	(grains) =	Pc	6.0		Wgt of Recoiling Parts Wt (lbs) =			1.4
5	Impulse (I	b-sec) =		I	0.695		Recoiling Mass Mr =			0.003
6	Bolt Weig	ght (lbs) =		Wb	1.295		Er (in-lbs)	=		66.1
7	Extractor	Weight &	Spring (lbs) =	We	0.0156		Q Term =			18.2
8	Cocking I	Handle We	ight (lbs)	Wc	0.073		a Term =			7.83
9	Return Sp	ring Weigh	ıt (lbs)=	Ws	0.045		B Term =			0.0
10	Full Bolt S	Stroke (in)	=	D	5.515		Grav. Con	stant - (lbs-s	sec2/in) = g	386.
11	Bolt Dyna	mic Frictio	n Coef=	σ	0.250					
12	Initial Spg	Force on l	Bolt (lbs) =	Fo	5.55		Calc. Rec	oil Time T (S	ec) =	0.048
13	Spring Co	nstant (lbs/	(in) =	K	2.240		Calc. Cou	nter Recoil T	't (sec) =	0.051
14	Firing Ang	gle (degrees	s) =	θ	0		Calc. RPN	1=		60:
15	Elasticity (Coefficient	=	E	0.00					
16										
	Recoil	Bolt	Gravity Loss	Sum of	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil	Counter	Counter	Counter
	Time	Friction	(lbs)	Retarding	Distance	Velocity	Velocity	Recoil	Recoil	Recoil
	(sec)	Force		Forces	(in)	Change	(in/sec)	Time (sec)	Distance (in)	Velocity
17		(lbs)		(lbs)		(in/sec)				(in/sec)
18	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	0.0019	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1
20	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0136	0.441	55.2
71	0.0058	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.078	-4 N	182.8	0.0166	0.662	71.5

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	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	STEN G	ın Analysi	s Based On I	Derived For	mulas and A	ssuming I	Frictional D	rag	Inputs i	ı Grey
2										
3	Bullet We	ight (grains)=	Wp	115		Calculated	Terms:		
4	Powder C	harge Wgt	(grains) =	Pc	6.0		Wgt of Re	coiling Parts	Wt (lbs) =	1.4
5	Impulse (l	b-sec) =		Ι	0.695		Recoiling 1	Mass Mr =		0.003
5	Bolt Weig	ht (lbs) =		WЪ	1.295		Er (in-lbs)	=		66.1
7	Extractor	Weight & S	Spring (lbs) =	We	0.0156		Q Term =			18.2
8	Cocking I	Handle Wei	ght (lbs)	Wc	0.073		a Term =			7.8
9	Return Sp	ring Weigh	t (lbs)=	Ws	0.045		B Term =			0.0
10	Full Bolt S	Stroke (in) =	=	D	5.515		Grav. Con	stant - (lbs-s	sec2/in) = g	386.
11	Bolt Dyna	mic Friction	n Coef=	σ	0.250					
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13	Spring Co	nstant (lbs/	in) =	K	2.240		Calc. Cour	nter Recoil T	't (sec) =	0.051
14	Firing Ang	de (degrees	s) =	θ	0		Calc. RPM	<u>(</u> =		60:
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18	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	0.0019	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.366	190.4	190.4	0.0096	0.221	23.1
20	0.0039	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.726	-3.6	186.8	0.0136	0.441	55.2
21	0.0059	0.3	0.0	∩ 3 Recoil Veloc	1.078	-4. N Counter Reco	182.8	0.0166 Bolt Return	0.662	71.5

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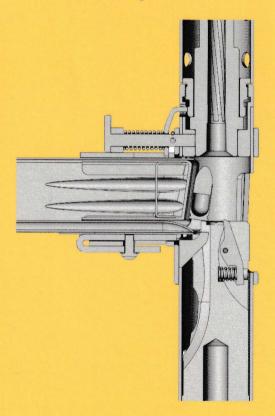
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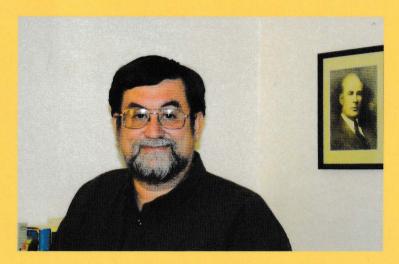


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